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Israeli show of force meant to deter PLO

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel put on a show of force in Lebanon last week aimed primarily at the PLO.

The Israelis, fearing that the PLO may attempt to regroup amidst the chaos besetting that country, dispatched an armored patrol about 11 kilometres north of its defensive line along the Awali River.

The patrol met no resistance and returned within a day.

Meanwhile, the Israeli air force bombed what were described as Palestinian targets east of Beirut, along the Beirut-Damascus highway. There were three such raids. No Israeli planes were hit by hostile fire.

In southern Lebanon, one Israeli soldier was killed and several were wounded in a series of ambushes believed to be masterminded by Shiite Moslems opposed to Israel's presence in southern Lebanon.

A public opinion poll published in Maariv, one of Israel's leading dailies, revealed that 51% of Israelis favor a complete withdrawal from Lebanon, with 30% favoring a partial pullback.

As Israelis debated the issue, all but 100 men from the U.S. Marine Corps withdrew from Beirut to Sixth Fleet ships stationed off the Lebanese coast — leaving only French peacekeeping troops in Lebanon's capital.

The American withdrawal appeared to weaken President Amin Gemayel, who this week was still under pressure by pro-Syrian forces to step down. (See Mideast Analysis, page 8.)

Israel's decision to send an armored column north of the Awali, reportedly consisting of up to 75 vehicles and an undetermined number of troops, was viewed by observers as a warning to any Lebanese government or faction which would aid the PLO re-establish itself in areas evacuated by Israel in the past year.

Defence Minister Mose Arens, claiming that about 1,000 PLO guerrillas are back in West Beirut, said Israel would do everything in its power to stop them from moving southward, closer to the Awali.

Arens said that the movement of armor was not intended to bolster Gemayel's regime.

In Israel, the armored thrust northward was not greeted with unanimous approval.

Yossi Sarid, a dovish Labor Party Knesset member, charged that such activities would embroil Israel in new

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Bloomfield, Azrieli sign accord

CZF presidency to be shared

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

"For the sake of unity and the welfare of Zionism in Canada and the State of Israel," Neri Bloomfield and David Azrieli signed a "memorandum of agreement" last week to share the term of president of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Bloomfield and Azrieli, who were both candidates for the position, have agreed to the following terms:

— At the CZF national convention April 1-2 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Bloomfield will be elected president for a 3-year term ending in April, 1987.

— Azrieli will be elected chairman of the executive board and president-elect and will assume the presidency in April, 1987.

Bloomfield and Azrieli claimed that they have the signatures of representatives of all the CZF constituent organizations approving this arrangement and agreeing to vote at the convention according to the abovementioned terms.

However, the third candidate for the CZF presidency, Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto, the national president of Kadima, the Reform Zionist organization, told The Canadian Jewish News he is still a candidate and intends to stand for election at the convention. He said no representative of Kadima signed the agreement.

"I am aware of the agreement (between Bloomfield and Azrieli) but I was not approached to enter into it. This is characteristic of the way the CZF conducts its business and one of the reasons I entered the race," said Stroh.

"It seems they have settled this election and the next. It's wonderful that there is so much peace and harmony within the CZF. Unfortunately, there is no democracy. Kadima is appalled at this method of procedure."

Stroh said he will continue in his bid for the presidency "as a matter of principle" and "refuses to make deals with anyone."

The memorandum was signed at the national office of the Hadassah-WIZO organization in the presence of about 50 representatives of the CZF constituent organizations and members of the Jewish press. The signing session was chaired by CZF treasurer Sam Druker.

Bloomfield and Azrieli warmly shook hands and the agreement was toasted with wine and cheese. Azrieli pledged his "fullest cooperation" and that of those constituents that had supported him in working with Bloomfield during her term. Bloomfield for her part, promised to work with all Zionist parties and all segments within them.

Israeli troops await orders to advance north of the Awali River, Israel's defence line in Lebanon. [AP Photo]

Levinson was under investigation

Prominent banker kills self

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Yaacov Levinson, a former board chairman of the Bank Hapoalim, one of Israel's three largest banks was found dead at his Ramat Gan home last week, an apparent suicide.

The 52-year-old Israel-born banker, long active in Labor Party circles, had been under investigation for alleged illegal financial transactions involving overseas companies. He was buried at Kibbutz Sor'a.

Yaacov Levinson

David Libai, the family lawyer, said Levinson's body was discovered by his family on a roof top balcony. Alongside were a pistol and a suicide note. Extracts from the note, which Libai read to reporters, accused unnamed enemies of "drinking my blood, drop-by-drop" for "more than a year." "My strength is exhausted. I can no longer bear the degradation," the note said.

Levinson's activities as head of the Bank Hapoalim had been under investigation by the bank's current management for nearly a year. Their findings were submitted to Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir, who passed them on to the police. Only last week, the police set up a special team to continue the investigation. The police said it would go on despite Levinson's death.

The charges against Levinson were leaked to the media and were published in the magazine Haolim Haze three months ago. Subsequently, the bank management confirmed it was conducting an investigation.

Communications Minister Mordecai Zipori accused the media of building up the "Levinson affair" before any determination was made of Levinson's guilt or innocence.

Labor MK Uzi Baram, a close personal friend of Levinson, said he was convinced of his innocence and cited the suicide note which accused a "gang" within the bank management and Histadrut of hounding him with baseless allegations.

Levinson's lawyer, Libai, told reporters that he and another attorney had discussed the matter at great length with Levinson and had full reason to believe he was innocent.

Levinson is generally credited with having built up the Bank Hapoalim from a small institution to one of the country's top banks, vying for first place with the Bank

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New budget envisages lower living standards

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has submitted a 4.36 trillion shekel (about $20 billion) budget for fiscal year 1984-85 to the Knesset predicated on a general lowering of living standards and increased unemployment until economic conditions improve.

It was promptly attacked by the Labor opposition and some coalition factions.

Cohen-Orgad argued that his budget is based on confidence that Israel can overcome its economic crisis. But strong measures are necessary. Real wages will decline to the level of two years ago. The government, however, will offer a "flexible cost of living increment to avoid sharp fluctuations in real wages," the finance minister said.

Unemployment will rise to 6.5% of the work force. Some 8,000 jobs will be eliminated from the public service sector. Private consumption is expected to be reduced by 1.5% and exports to rise by 8.5%.

There will be a 20% cut in defense expenditures, although the budget assumes that the Israel Defence Forces will remain in Lebanon throughout the next fiscal year. The government will purchase less, pay smaller subsidies for basic commodities and services and will reduce social spending.

The budget assumes that prices will rise by 130% next year, although the Treasury

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Campaign is undertaken to expel Rauff from Chile

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal announced here that an international campaign has been launched by the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Yeshiva University in Los Angeles to exert pressure on the government of Chile to expel a former Nazi official, Walter Rauff, who has been living in Santiago since 1958.

Wiesenthal said the campaign is taking the form of distributing some 1.5 million post cards showing a wanted poster of Rauff and a photo of a camouflaged mobile gas van bearing the sumbol of the Red Cross. The card is captioned, "Chile Protects Nazi Mass Murderer."

The vans, invented by Rauff, were mobile gas trucks which the Gestapo used to asphyxiate 250,000 Jews in eastern Europe during World War II. The trucks were disguised as Red Cross trucks. They were eventually replaced by gas ovens.

Wiesenthal announced the global campaign at a press conference before meeting with President Reagan at the White House. One of the main points the Nazi-hunter discussed with the president was the case of Rauff.

Wiesenthal has been attempting to persuade President Augustino Pinochet of Chile to ex-

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Labor in a sweep if elections held

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

A public opinion poll published in Maariv shows an absolute majority for the Labor opposition if elections were held last month.

The poll, taken by the Modi'in Ezrachi Survey, gives the Maarach 61 seats in the 120-member Knesset, 24 seats more than the incumbent Likud which would get only 37 seats.

This would theoretically allow the Labor Alignment to form a government on its own. But the poll indicated that it would have several "natural" allies, including one seat for Shulamit Aloni's Ratz Party and two for the Shinui Party.

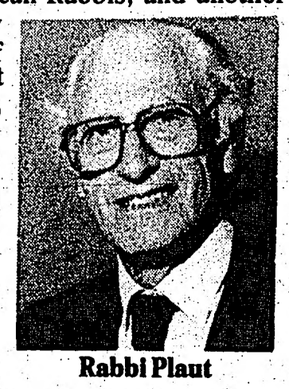
The National Religious Party would drop one seat from its present six to five, while the Agudat Israel [4], Tami [3], and Tehiya [3] would hold on their present number of mandates.

World-National

Israelis don't pull punches with visitors

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have just returned from a brief visit to Israel. The government of Israel had invited the Conference of Presidents of major Jewish organizations for a 4-day intensive briefing in Israel. I went as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and another Canadian, Lavy Becker, chairman of the Reconstructionist Foundation, was also present.


Rabbi Plaut

Thirty-seven organizations in all were represented, mostly by their presidents and executive vice-presidents.

Our meetings received an enormous amount of publicity in the Israeli media, for the Presidents' Conference covers not only the vast majority of organized American Jewry, but is also recognized by the administration as its chief representative. The chairman of the Conference (currently Julius Berman of New York) has excellent access to the powers that be in Washington.

We met with the most important members of government, a dozen cabinet ministers from the Prime Minister down, with members of the opposition, representatives of the Israeli press, economists and the American ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis.

The first day consisted of 15 hours of focus on international affairs, the second on the Israel economy, the third dealt with the press and the defence establishment, the fourth with more economics, the needs of Jerusalem and finally an interchange with the Prime Minister. We began at 8 in the morning and finished at 11 at night.

On the whole, the government represented itself as cautiously optimistic, the opposition as cautiously pessimistic. The people whom we met outside of official channels focused on the need to bring inflation under control, and generally believed that the incursion into Lebanon had been an error.

It is everywhere easy to be a Monday morning quarterback, and even easier when one lives far away across the ocean. We always had to check our impulse to tell the Israelis how they should have conducted their affairs.

Nonetheless, they wanted us to speak freely to them, and we did. Still, there was always an unspoken "green line." It has to do with their living daily with the problems and our distance from them.

One of the highlights of the meetings was the frank discussion on the situation of Ethiopian Jewry and the surprising success which Israel has lately had in facilitating their aliya. I was impressed with Israel's new military intelligence chief and with the simple, yet secure way in which the chief of staff, Moshe Levy, projects himself.

The editors of the main Israeli dailies were more than frank with us and took us down a notch or two — much to the dismay of many members of our group. Yet it is this frankness that was both important and in a way refreshing.

After all, the Presidents' Conference is Israel's most important political support in America. The editors and others like Moshe Arens, minister of defence, were asked what they thought the single most important contribution was that American Jews could make. The answer was the same: "We need Jews from North America to come on aliya — that is our single greatest need at this time."

The meetings were in many respects a symbolic exercise, a mutual show of trust and solidarity, and as such they were important, especially since it was the first time in 10 years that such a gathering had taken place. It was also an occasion to become familiar with America's Jewish leadership.

One always comes away from Israel with an overpowering feeling that the future is still in the making, and that whatever we in the Diaspora can contribute to make it better, is both a responsibility and a privilege.

Seeks political settlement

Hussein returns to center stage

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

King Hussein, having shunned the political limelight for a decade, has returned to center stage in the Middle East.

The 48-year-old monarch, the target of several assassination attempts since his accession to power, dropped practically out of sight after 1974, when the Arab League chose the PLO, rather than Jordan, as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

The king lowered his profile even more when, in 1978, he declined to accept an invitation to join the Camp David peace process, which subsequently sputtered to a stop.

In the past year, King Hussein has asserted his leadership by personally involving himself in talks with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and by reconvening the Jordanian parliament.

Working from the assumption that time is running out on a political settlement, Jordan wants to solve the Palestinian problem before Israel colonizes the West Bank completely.

In line with his new self-confidence, King Hussein has also spoken up in favor of Egypt's readmission to the Arab fold, and has expressed the view that the Soviet Union should be included in efforts to find a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Analysts say that King Hussein's forthrightness carries certain risks, because his actions tend to infuriate Arab radicals and, as far as his proposal vis-a-vis the Soviet Union is concerned, worry the U.S.

It was in the wake of the Lebanese war, sparked by Israel's invasion, that King Hussein took it upon himself to persuade the PLO to accept President Ronald Reagan's peace plan as a basis for a settlement. Reagan's proposals, which were rejected by Israel and then by the PLO and Syria, call for a federation between the Palestinians of the occupied territories and Jordan, and a freeze on Israeli settlements.

Those negotiations ended badly in April of 1983, when King Hussein threw up his hands and acknowledged that Arafat lacked broad Palestinian support for his diplomatic moves.

After this failure, hopes for renewing the Jordanian-PLO dialogue were spurred by Arafat's flight from Tripoli, the fragmentation of the PLO into competing ideological wings, Arafat's meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Washington's approval of those talks and, finally, Jordan's decision to reconvene its dormant parliament.

President Ronald Reagan met recently with King Hussein of Jordan and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. [AP photo]

In effect, King Hussein has decided to try to represent the Palestinians at talks which would be endorsed by Washington. It appears he is no longer intimidated by the Arab consensus that the PLO should always speak for the Palestinians. However, it would be wrong to assume that King Hussein will act on their behalf if he receives no green light from the Arafat wing of the PLO.

King Hussein, who met with Arafat this week in Amman, runs the risk of further alienating radical regimes like Syria and Libya (with which it no longer has diplomatic ties) and pro-Syrian Palestinians who ousted Arafat from Lebanon last year.

Jordan has already stiffened Syria's back by supporting Iraq against Iran in the Gulf War. Syria, which strongly favors Iran, will no doubt raise a hue and cry if Jordan tries again to enlist Arafat in discussions on the Reagan proposals — which make no mention of the Israeli-held Golan Heights.

King Hussein, who has described his relations with Syria as almost "irreconcilable," therefore faces the prospect of more Syrian-instigated terrorist attacks against his diplomats abroad.

And, as he should have expected, Libya is also angered by his embrace of the Reagan plan, and his recent talks in Washington with Reagan and Mubarak. No wonder the Libyan government encouraged the recent sacking of the Jordanian embassy in its capital.

Concomitantly, the Jordanian leader should not be surprised if anti-Arafat Palestinians do their utmost to sabotage his second mooted rapprochement with the PLO chairman.

Lastly, he will have to brace himself for opposition from nominally pro-Arafat Palestinians on the West Bank, who resent his "interference" and his "fraudulent" sentiments regarding their national aspirations.

King Hussein, too, has to fend off criticism for his interest in reintegrating Egypt into the Arab world.

Jordan, having worked vigorously for the readmittance of Egypt into the Islamic Conference Organization, will likely press for a renewal of Egypt's membership in the Arab League come April.

The Jordanians are pumping for Egypt because they concur with Cairo's belief that the Arab-Israeli conflict can be resolved through peaceful means, and because they regard Egypt as a powerful force to achieve that end.

The Reagan administration is generally supportive of King Hussein's initiatives, but isn't very keen about his advocacy or a Soviet role in future peace negotiations.

For the past 10 years, the Soviet Union has been frozen out of the peace process, and President Reagan seems intent on keeping it that way. King Hussein, however, warns that Moscow will "make its presence felt" if it is excluded from Middle East diplomacy.

Jordan's approach may ruffle feathers in Washington, but the Americans continue to regard King Hussein as an ally. The Reagan administration has pledged to supply Jordan with a batch of new anti-aircraft missiles and may yet permit Amman to buy sophisticated jets.

To Israel's chagrin as well, the White House is still interested in forming a Jordanian strike force for use in emergencies in the Persian Gulf.

In U.S. calculations, Jordan, and particularly King Hussein, are assets well worth cultivating.

Famous Israeli writer calls for Palestinian state

By
YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The establishment of a Palestinian state is an "historical must" and Israelis should reconcile themselves to this because it is the only way to solve the Middle East conflict.

This is the view of one of Israel's most acclaimed writers, A. B. Yehoshua, who is highly respected in political and intellectual Israeli circles. A member of the Labor Party, Yehoshua is the recipient of many awards for his short stories, novels and plays.

He is currently in the United States on a short visit for the publication of the English translation of his latest novel, A Late Divorce (Doubleday, $16.95).

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Yehoshua, a sixth-generation Sabra, said: "The only solution to the Palestinian problem is the establishment of a demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank. The solution of a Palestinian state is an historical must."

According to Yehoshua, it is preferable for Israel to deal directly with the Palestinians rather than with King Hussein of Jordan about the future of the West Bank. He pointed out that a Jordanian-Israeli pact on the West Bank which does not take into consideration the wishes of the Palestinians who live in the area will not solve the Palestinian problem.

The Palestinians, he claimed, will not feel bound by any agreement reached between Israel and Jordan and a situation might develop in which PLO leader Yasser Arafat would return to the West Bank after the area is returned to Hussein, without being committed to a settlement with Israel.

"I therefore believe that direct negotiations with the Palestinians on the future of the West Bank is better, as far as Israel is concerned, than dealing with Hussein," he said.

Yehoshua, who is a professor in the department of world literature at Haifa University, said Israel should announce "a declaration of intentions" on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. "This would bring the Palestinians to the negotiating table," he maintained. The Palestinians, he said, in fact have "no other choice" but to enter into negotiations with Israel.

"One must not forget that the Palestinians are now, after the war in Lebanon, beaten and disappointed with the whole Arab world, and they have no alternative but to accept Israel's declaration on intentions with open arms," Yehoshua said.

Developing this theme, he said he does not share the view the PLO cannot be a partner in negotiations with Israel. He said that once the PLO recognizes Israel, Israel should negotiate with it. "I think that the argument that we should not negotiate with the PLO because they are the murderers of children is not a valid argument. Why? Because we are willing to negotiate with other Arabs, such as (President Hafez) Assad of Syria and the Iraqis whose records are not much better."

Yehoshua said Israel should negotiate with Arafat because the Palestinians view him as their representative. "Menachem Begin once invited Assad to come to Jerusalem to negotiate," Yehoshua recalled, pointing out that the Syrian constitution clearly states that Syria will never recognize Israel. "If Assad yes, why not Arafat?" he asked.

He stressed, however, that the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank does not mean that Israel should dismantle the Jewish settlements there. The settlements "can stay there under Palestinian rule," Yehoshua said. "There is no need to repeat the story of Yamit in the Sinai (which was dismantled when the area was returned to Egypt). The way there are Arab villages in Israel there can be Jewish villages in the West Bank."

World-National

Ombudsman recommended in Alberta

"Failed" education system blamed for racism

By TAMMY KAROL

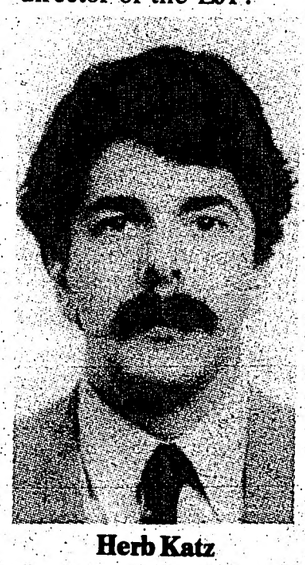
The Edmonton Jewish Community Council's chairman blames Alberta's "failed" education system for the prevalence of racism in his province.

Herb Katz who is also a board member of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, told the Ghitter Committee on Tolerance and Understanding that the education minister needs to establish simple procedures so that parents might lodge complaints regarding racism in the classroom.

In his half-hour brief presented to the provincially - appointed committee on racism here last week, Katz also recommended that the government establish an office for an education ombudsman.

In addition, the Edmonton businessman suggested that the minister of education instruct his officials to develop a unit of the social studies curriculum dealing with misconceptions attached to various races and culture.

Katz spoke before Ron Ghitter, a prominent Jewish lawyer from Calgary and former member of Premier Peter Lougheed's cabinet (see CJN Jan. 12) and eight commissioners. He was flanked by Howard Starkman, president of the EJF and Hillel Boroditsky, executive director of the EJF.



Herb Katz

The Ghitter Committee has been traveling across Alberta since late October to hear briefs from some 150 individuals and groups. The committee was in Edmonton from Feb. 20-24 and is now beginning to write its report.

A final report on all presentations made is expected by late 1984.

In his brief, Katz expressed regret that the committee was established because of anti-semitism in Alberta, but he applauded the committee's work as a prologue to combat racism in the province.

(The committee was formed after the Keegstra affair hit national headlines last spring coupled with statements made at the same time by Conservative MLA Stephen Stiles. Stiles said he doubted whether six million Jews were murdered by the Nazis and Keegstra was fired last December from his teaching job in Eckville, Alta. for telling students that the Holocaust was a hoax.)

Besides criticizing the education system for failing to effectively combat racism, Katz pointed his finger at the Alberta Teachers Association.

According to Katz, the ATA's board of ethics states that teachers can't speak out publicly against each other or they may face decertification. He maintains that because of this regulation of their federal organizations teachers are scared to speak out publicly about colleagues spreading racism in their schools.

Katz recommended that the minister of education, in conjunction with the ATA, establish amendments to the Teaching Professions Act to encourage more critical and open discussion of racist issues.

Katz also suggested that the attorney-general of Alberta support the efforts of the federal minister of justice to amend Section 281 of the Criminal Code (hate literature provisions) so as to aid prosecution of disseminators of hate literature.

As well, he recommended changes in the Alberta Individual Rights Protection Act. This act was the first piece of legislation passed by the Conservative government in 1970 and it concerns discrimination.

According to Katz, the act does not cover discriminatory statements made in public, such as those by Keegstra and Stiles.

The EJF chairman also believes the government should redefine Section 31 of the Alberta Individual Rights Protection Act to give the Alberta Human Rights Commission more power to levy fines, grant punitive damages, and direct remedial action in cases of discrimination.

Politician backs off

Holocaust remark attacked

EDMONTON —

The Calgary and Edmonton Jewish communities are up in arms over an Alberta politician's remarks about the Holocaust.

Bohdan Zip, Conservative MLA member for Calgary Mountain View, allegedly told United Press Canada's Edmonton bureau chief last week that the number of Jews massacred by the Nazis in the concentration camps was exaggerated. He was also quoted as saying that Jews inflated the death tally to win sympathy for Israel.

Although Zip claims his comments did not accurately reflect his views, he retracted his remarks after meeting with Premier Peter Lougheed on Feb. 22 in the Edmonton legislature.

The CJC, in response, issued a statement on Feb. 22 to the media and a copy was also sent to the premier. It said: "Any statement which questions the historical veracity of the Holocaust or suggests figures are exaggerated to benefit the state of Israel can only be conceived as anti-semitism. The retraction does not vitiate damage done by this ignorant statement . . ."

Last Wednesday the CJCC also held an executive committee meeting to discuss the Zip case and one day later, CJCC president Gertrude Cohos met with the premier's assistant, Jim Dinning. "He made no special promises to me but it was a good discussion and apparently its contents were relayed to the premier last Thursday night," she said.

Cohos feels Lougheed should deal with Zip directly and if his statements are contrary to the beliefs of the PCs the caucus should expel him.

If no action is taken soon by Lougheed, Cohos and Edmonton Jewish Community Council president Howard Starkman plan to meet with him privately.

Starkman and other Edmonton community leaders have thus far not released any statement or held any meetings regarding Zip but Starkman and EJCC chairman Herb Katz appeared on a CBC show which dealt with the PC member and Starkman said he'd like Zip expelled from the caucus.

Meanwhile in Edmonton last week, Lougheed held a press conference which included discussion of the Zip affair. He told the media he accepted Zip's retraction but did not indicate action would be taken against him.

Zip told The Canadian Jewish News that reporter Robert Lee called him on the pretext of educating himself on World War II events and history because Zip's ancestors hail from Poland and the Ukraine.

Lee claims Zip made the Holocaust remarks in a Feb. 14 and 21 phone call.

Last year, another Conservative backbencher, Stephen Stiles, made similar statements, later apologizing. These events took place in the context of the upcoming trial of Jim Keegstra, who is charged with violating the anti hate law of the Canadian Criminal Code for teaching anti-semitism.

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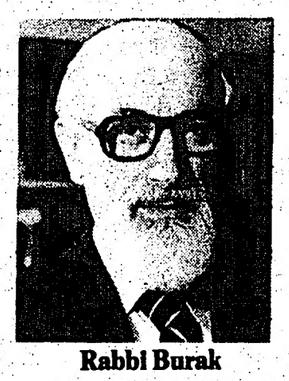
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: When I sit in the last row of seats in the Synagogue, some people are unhappy with me. Are they right?

You must be a very modest person to want to sit at the back of the Sanctuary. Modesty is a crown that fits well.



Rabbi Burak

Historically, the eastern wall of the Synagogue is the choice location. That's where the ark is located, and those who sit along that wall face the people. Dignitaries, scholars, and philanthropists of the community are singled out to occupy the mizrach wall. The very opposite is true of those seated right at the back.

Some of our folksmenshen like to suggest that it is in recognition of the contribution made by the common people that the Kotel Maaravi, the Western Wall, has survived. All the rest of the Temple, the parts reserved for the classes and not the masses, was destroyed.

The Talmud, however, knows not of such romantic notions. In Tractate Berachos 8A we are told that "a man should always enter two doors into the Synagogue. What is the meaning of 'two doors?' Say: the distance of two doors."

Our text being far from clear, is explained by Rashi in these words: "He should not sit near the door lest it appear that he finds prayer a burden, and is preparing to leave in haste." Your seat in the back row is one of the closest to the doorway. Are you planning, at the beginning of your prayer, for a speedy getaway?

If you are, please be advised that the Shulchan 'Aruch, Chapter 90 paragraph 20, accepts the Talmudic lines as law, and rules that one "should not sit near the door for it makes sitting in the Synagogue seem like a burden."

The Code, however, softens this ruling by saying that if you have a permanent seat near the door, you may sit there as everyone will understand that you want to sit in your own seat "be it ever so humble." You sit there because it's your own seat, and not because you plan to make a rapid exit.

Where do you sit on the High Holy Days? If it should turn out that on those Days of Awe you move up to a better seat near other members of your family, and on shabbas you return to your place near the door, you are giving a slight hint that you don't want to be where all the Torah action is.

Can it be that the whole charm of that back row location lies in the fact that one can have a nice chat, uninterrupted by what is being done on the bimma?

Or, does the fact that one can have a delightful snooze there, as the rabbi cannot be heard too well at that location, make the back row singularly attractive? For those who are not too sleepy or to hungry, a better row closer to the front should be the place of their choice.

As the synagogue is a sacred place, it should be treated with love and respect. One comes to it with joy, and leaves it with regret. The Code suggests that on leaving the Sanctuary, when you reach the back bench you sit down for a moment, murmur a prayer, and bow towards the ark, then leave.

Events planned all over Canada

Syrian Jewry week to be launched

TORONTO — Network and the Canadian Jewish Congress are about to launch a week-long campaign on behalf of Syrian Jewry.

Events are planned in Jewish centres from Halifax to Vancouver, with the most dramatic taking place in Toronto.

On Sunday, March 4, a funeral procession and memorial service will be held at Queen's Park for Lillian Abadi, 25, who was murdered with her 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter on Dec. 28 in the Damascus ghetto.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut will deliver the eulogy and Cantor Benjamin Maissner will lead the Yiskor service. Speakers at the rally will include CJC president Milton Harris, Network Canada president Naomi Jacobs, and representatives of all three federal political parties.

The motorcade will leave from the Bathurst and Sheppard plaza, in the heart of Toronto's Jewish district, at 11 a.m., and the rally is scheduled for 12.30 at Queen's Park.

In Montreal, on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m., The Last Ghetto, a film on the plight of Syrian Jews in Damascus, will be shown at the Concordia University Campus Centre. Alan Rose, executive vice-president of the CJC, will speak.

The Ottawa Jewish Students Union/Network has requested an opportunity to make a formal presentation on Syrian Jewry to Allan MacEachen, minister of external affairs, "to emphasize that an already tenuous situation has become desperate since the murder of the Abadi family," says Network spokesman Alan Feld.

Halifax is scheduling two Shabbatons, one at Beth Israel Synagogue and one at Shaar Shalom.

Dr. William Gleberzon, an expert on Syrian Jewry, will speak at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg on March 1, and The Last Ghetto will also be shown.

The first conference for young Jewish adults, a joint event for students from Edmonton and Calgary, to be held in Edmonton from March 2-4, will have Syrian Jewry as one of its key themes.

And in Vancouver, as at all major campuses, a table will be set up in student centres for one week starting March 1 to collect signatures on petitions to be presented to a member of the federal cabinet. The public will also be encouraged to send telegrams to MacEachen.

For further information, contact: Halifax, Perry Sable, 902-422-6776; Montreal, Susan Lahijianian, 514-481-6041; Ottawa, Sammy Goldstein, 613-728-0607; Toronto, Sarah Levy, 416-928-9160; Winnipeg, Jay Rasen, 204-885-7944; Edmonton, Danny Eisen, 403-433-1120; Vancouver, Cassandra Freeman, 604-266-5295.

Report on Jews released

WASHINGTON [JTA] — A state department report on human rights around the world carries chapters on the situation of Jews in Iran, Egypt, Morocco and Syria.

In Iran, the report notes that the religious persecution against Jews and other religious minorities seems to have been a factor in the early stages of the revolution rather than today.

The Bahai faith, however, is not recognized and its leaders continue to be persecuted.

In Egypt, where most Jews have emigrated, "those who remain appear to practice their faith without restriction or harassment from government or non-government sources."

The report found that in Morocco, "publications in Hebrew are permitted and rabbis serving the Jewish community are trained in Morocco. The Jewish community has extensive links to its coreligionists elsewhere, especially in Israel.

"Although the number of Moroccan Jews has dwindled over the years as a result of voluntary emigration, more than 20 major synagogues operate in Morocco. The government has explicitly encouraged Jews who voluntarily departed to return to Morocco."

Even in Syria, the report found that its 3,000-4,000 Jews "are free to practice their religion. The situation of the Syrian-Jewish community has improved in recent years, and in general, Jews are not discriminated against except for restrictions on foreign travel."

The report also states that Jews are the only Syrians required to post a bond if they want to travel abroad. However, all members of the same family cannot get a passport at the same time.

Jews cannot emigrate to Israel.

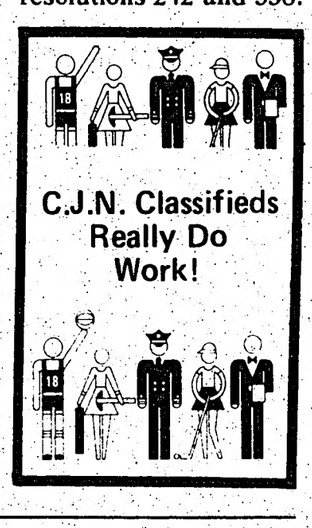
Reagan reiterates policy

WASHINGTON [JTA] — President Reagan has reiterated his position that Israel's settlement policy on the West Bank is not "helpful" to the peace process, since a peace agreement will require Israel giving up some of the territory it now holds.

"Obviously, the peace process, when negotiations come between the Arab states and Israel, is going to have to involve territorial changes in return for secure peaceful borders," Reagan said in a response to a question at a nationally-televised press conference from the East Room of the White House.

He stressed that "from the very beginning" his administration made it clear that the settlement policy was not "helpful" to the overall peace process, although it never called it illegal, as did the Carter administration.

He repeated that any forthcoming negotiations must be based on the Camp David "process" and United Nations Security council resolutions 242 and 338.



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JERUSALEM [JTA] — Former Premier Menachem Begin has rejected an idea that he add his signature to Israel's declaration of independence.

The proposal was raised by Moshe Katzav, deputy housing minister in a letter to Premier Yitzhak Shamir. Katzav said that Begin was denied the privilege of signing the declaration in 1948 because the Irgun was opposed by the Labor establishment.

Reacting to the proposal, Begin told Maariv: "One cannot add a signature retrospectively. Those who signed — signed. Those who didn't sign — didn't sign. Begin said the proposal surprised him. Had Katzav consulted him before, Begin said, he would have asked him not to raise it.

Shamir told Katzav he would "consider" the request.

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U.S. talked to the PLO Shultz admits

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

On Sept. 1, 1975, Henry Kissinger, then U.S. secretary of state, communicated a pledge to Israel that no American government would "recognize or negotiate" with the PLO as long as it did not recognize Israel's right to exist, or accept UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

That promise, however, was broken by the Reagan administration, according to a plausible report which appeared in The New York Times recently under the byline of Bernard Gwertzman.

The Times' veteran diplomatic correspondent, Gwertzman claimed that the U.S. negotiated secretly with the PLO through intermediaries in an effort to convince the PLO to recognize Israel.

The talks began in August of 1981 — shortly after a serious outbreak of fighting along the Israeli-Lebanese border — and ended when Israel invaded Lebanon the following June.

Last week, Secretary of State George Shultz, in an appearance before the Senate foreign relations committee, admitted that the U.S. did have indirect contacts with the PLO.

But he added that they no longer were taking place.

The intermediary in the 1981-82 talks was John Edwin Mroz, a 35-year-old specialist on Middle Eastern and Soviet affairs who heads the Institute for East-West Security Studies in New York.

Alexander Haig, who was secretary of state at the time, authorized his mission. And President Ronald Reagan was aware of it.

Saudi Arabia, a U.S. client state which supplies the PLO with considerable subsidies, was reportedly brought into the effort as a channel to confirm messages between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the Reagan administration.

Henry Kissinger

Gwertzman writes that Arafat originated the whole thing by telling Mroz that he was prepared to discuss issues which could lead to PLO recognition of Israel, in return for American recognition of the PLO.

Mroz, whose book — Beyond Security: Private Perceptions Among Arabs and Israelis — is to be published soon, reportedly had over 50 meetings with Arafat totalling some 400 hours.

Nicholas Veliotes, now ambassador to Egypt, was Mroz's chief contact in Washington. He was then assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Gwertzman reports that George Shultz tried to revive the mission in the wake of Israel's 1982 operation so as to give life to the president's peace plan. But Arafat, having accused the U.S. of letting Israel invade, refused to see Mroz.

The New York Times says that the Reagan administration, in working through Mroz, was making an attempt to continue an effort begun by President Jimmy Carter.

Carter, in 1977, wanted the PLO to accept resolution 242, which has been the basis of Middle East diplomacy since the Six Day War. But Arafat expressed no interest in the proposal, and the PLO and Israel drifted toward armed confrontation.

Two weeks ago, President Hosni Muabarak of Egypt urged the U.S. to carry on a "direct dialogue" with the PLO. For the record, Shultz said this could not happen until the PLO extended recognition to Israel.

Canadian extradition document

Gal file in Israeli hands

By TAMMY KAROL

Canadian documents requesting the extradition of an Israeli doctor in connection with the death of an Alberta infant are now in the hands of the attorney-general's office in Israel.

Avi Granot, press attache at the Israeli embassy in Ottawa, told The Canadian Jewish News last week that attorney-general Yitzchak Zamir will now review the request for extradition and that his decision will determine what happens to the case.

Granot said the attorney - general's office is within the ministry of justice in Israel and is the legal advisor to the cabinet.

The request for extradition of Israeli doctor Nachum Gal was forwarded to the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv from the federal justice department in Ottawa earlier this month [see CJN Feb. 16].

According to Granot, the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv sent the documents two days later to the ministry of foreign affairs in Jerusalem. They were then passed on to the attorney-general's office.

The documents list six charges, including first degree murder in connection with the death of the 16-hour-old baby.

Gal, 36, was a visiting pediatrician at the University of Alberta Hospital from July 1982 to February 1983. He left Canada last spring when hospital authorities began investigating the death of his patient, Candace Taschuk, of Two Hills, Alberta.

The infant died Oct. 8, 1982 in hospital after suffering an accident in the womb and being delivered by Caesarean section with serious brain damage.

Evidence indicated she died less than 15 minutes after being injected with 15 milligrams of morphine which Gal allegedly ordered.

After leaving Canada last spring, Gal returned to Israel to work as a pediatrician in Eilat's Joseph Thal Hospital. He is still living with his family in Israel.

The request for Gal's extradition was initiated by the attorney - general's office in Alberta in fall 1983. It then went through the federal justice department and the external affairs department in Ottawa.

Simcha Dinitz, Israel's former envoy to the U.S., and now vice-president of the Hebrew University, will be the keynote speaker at the Canada-Israel Committee's annual dinner for members of parliament in Ottawa on March 21. Syndicated U.S. columnist Wolf Blitzer will also address the CIC.

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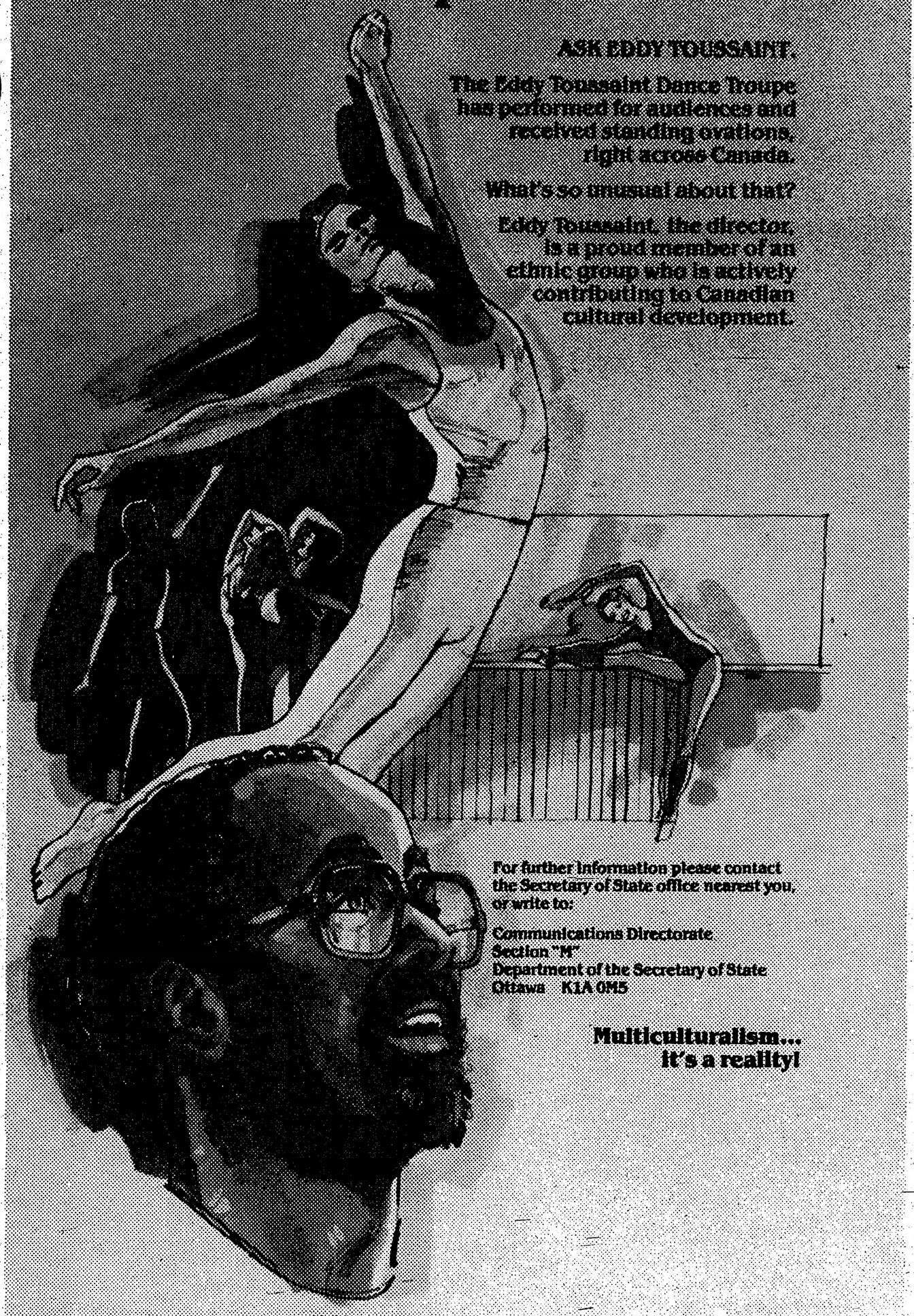

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Vatican-Italian accord changes religion picture

ROME [JTA] —

The new Concordat just agreed to by the Italian State and the Roman Catholic church will have wide implications for the Italian Jewish community, including control of its ancient cultural and historical heritage in Rome.

The Concordat, signed recently by Premier Bettino Craxi, leader of the Socialist Party and Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican secretary of state, establishes a clear demarcation between the temporal and religious powers of the church and advances religious pluralism in Italy. It is by and large a revision and up-dating of the 1929 Concordat signed between the church and the Mussolini regime, which formalized Roman Catholicism as the state religion.

Under the new Concordat, this is no longer the case. Catholic religious instruction is no longer compulsory in Italian public schools.

The revised relationship between church and state will effect the so-called "mini-concordats" between the state and non-Catholic faiths which are also up for revision. Italian Protestants will sign revised agreements with the government next week. The Union of Italian Jewish Communities is lagging behind.

No date has been set for a definitive revision, mainly because an existing draft still contains several points of controversy within the Jewish community itself. But the concordat between the Catholic church and the state contains several articles which will doubtlessly serve as guidelines for Jewish requests for revisions.

Roman Catholicism is no longer "the sole religion of the Italian state" nor are other religions merely "permitted." In principle, all religions now have equal rights. Primary and secondary public school classes in "the Catholic religion" are no longer "compulsory," with students of other faiths or ideologists being allowed "exemption" from religious instruction.

The teaching of "the Catholic religion" is still guaranteed by the government, but as an elective subject. By the same token, a revised agreement with the Jewish community could provide governmental guarantees for the teaching of "the Jewish religion" in public schools, at the request of students and parents.

Students of theology remain deferred from military service, as are university students generally. The clergy may perform civil service in place of military service or be exempt; or clergy may serve as chaplains with the armed forces. It follows that the same rights and privileges (some already granted) will be valid for Jewish schools, rabbinical seminarians and the Jewish "clergy" when the final revision is drafted.

Of special interest to the Jewish community is the Concordat's provision that the cultural and historical patrimony of the church will be protected and guarded by special joint state-church commissions. The Jewish historical and archaelogical patrimony in Italy is large and rich. It is in a sad state of decay at present for lack of funds. But the moment may be at hand for Italian Jewry to request state help, based on the Catholic precedent.

The catacombs are a special aspect of this issue. The new Concordat states that the Vatican accepts full responsibility for the administration of the Christian catacombs, including permission to excavate, while at the same time it gives up all claims to "other" catacombs, meaning the Jewish catacombs.

The Jewish community wants jurisdiction over them. The Villa Torlonia and Villa Randonini are two of the most important in Rome. Only the latter is presently open to visitors. Since no arrangements have been made for its custody, the entrance to the Villa Torlonia, an ancient staircase, has been buried for several years "to protect the catacombs from vandalism."

Resurgence of fascism remains French danger

PARIS [JTA] —

The resurgence of fascism in France has become a real and present danger, for many of the same reasons that fascism enjoyed a considerable following here in the depressed 1930s, before World War II — social discontent, large scale unemployment and racial prejudice.

The fascist National Front Party won hundreds of new members following the appearance of its leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, on a television panel show Feb. 13, watched by at least 10 million people. Long queues were seen outside the party headquarters.

Asked by reporters why they were joining the extreme right wing group, most of those in line said they were impressed by Le Pen's frankness, especially his remark that Jews in France were over-protected compared to other citizens.

They also claimed that Le Pen was the only one on the panel to defend traditional values and they agreed with him that immigration must be severely curtailed in order to protect France's cultural heritage.

Le Pen professed to have nothing against Jews personally. But he told the millions of television viewers that he could not understand why they needed more protection than others, disregarding the terrorist attacks on synagogues and other Jewish premises in recent years in which lives were lost and scores of people were injured.

He insisted that no one could accuse him of being an anti-semite simply because he had no taste for the art of Marc Chagall or for the policies and activities of former Prime Minister Pierre Mendes-France or Health Minister Simone Veil, both Jewish.

Present, the organ of the National Front, has constantly attacked Socialist Justice Minister Robert Badinter, who is Jewish and Veil — the former for his reforms, and the latter for promoting the abortion law.

The newspaper has also expressed concern that too many Jews hold key posts in the government and administration, not only in France but elsewhere in the world.

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By
DAVID BIRKAN

World War II community leader Rudolf Kasztner was assassinated in Tel Aviv on March 3, 1957, in the wake of allegations that he had assisted Adolf Eichmann in the extermination of Hungarian Jewry.

The persecution of Greater Hungary's 900,000 Jews began on the eve of the war, with economic and professional restrictions that removed the livelihood of 250,000 Jews. Racial laws were introduced in 1941. That year, some 20,000 Jews from territories newly annexed from Czechoslovakia were expelled and killed. A pogrom by Hungarian soldiers and police in the province of Baksa yielded 1,000 victims.

Some 50,000 Jews were sent in labor battalions with Hungarian troops into Russia; most perished when the latter were routed by the Red Army.

The country's regent, Nicholas Horthy, resisted the more systematic and severe measures urged by Germany, their Axis ally. In March, 1944, as secret peace negotiations were proceeding with the Allies, the Germans invaded the country, led by Eichmann. An accelerated version of the Final Solution was launched immediately. Ghettoization, confiscations and the wearing of the yellow badge culminated in the deportation to Auschwitz of some 150,000 Carpathian Jews at the rate of 2,000-3,000 daily.

German links

Kasztner, born in Cluj, Transylvania in 1906, moved to Budapest in 1942 as a veteran journalist and Zionist official. From 1943-5, he was deputy chairman of the Hungarian Zionist Organization. Helping absorb Jewish refugees escaping the final stages of the destruction of the Slovakian community, Kasztner maintained contact with the gamut of Hungarian authorities. He also had links with German military intelligence.

With Eichmann's entry, Kasztner's Jewish Rescue Committee faced its most determined and ruthless antagonist.

Under orders from his superior, Himmler, Eichmann offered to consider ransoming the bulk of the Jews for trucks and food staples. The direct negotiator was Kasztner. His associate, Joel Brand, was dispatched to Istanbul to open talks abroad. By this time, close to 200,000 Hungarian Jews had already been killed at Auschwitz.

The Allies' response to the offer was largely one of indifference. All resources had to be put into the prosecution of the war. Lord Moyne, the resident minister of the Near East said: "What would I do with one million Jews?"

The negotiations went on for months. Meanwhile, Jews were being shipped to Auschwitz, at up to 12,000 per day.

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From August 1944 to next April, Kasztner shuttled between Hungary, Germany and Switzerland in an effort to finance the ransom from Jewish sources. In the end, Eichmann permitted a token release of 1,685 Hungarian Jews at $200 a head. Of these, 388 came from Cluj, many of them members of Kasztner's family.

Kasztner resumed his career in the fledgling state of Israel, cleared of wrong-doing by a special committee of the Zionist Congress and the ruling Labor party. He edited the latter's Hungarian-language weekly and also was spokesman for the ministry of trade and industry.

In 1953, 72-year-old Malkiel Gruenwald, who lost his family in Hungary, accused Kasztner of collaboration with the Nazis. Gruenwald was indicted for slandering a government official.

On June 22, 1955, after a trial that rocked Israel, Gruenwald was found guilty. Jerusalem district court judge Benjamin Halevi said: "The masses of Jews from Hungary's ghettos boarded the deportation trains . . . with the false information that they were being transferred to Kenyermeze. The Nazis could not have misled . . . had they not spread their false information through Jewish channels."

Israel's attorney-general launched a controversial appeal; three of the five supreme court judges reversed the decision. Judge Shlomo Chessin said that Kasztner thought that telling the Jews where they were going would have caused more damage than good.

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Work projects in Israel offered

NEW YORK [JTA] — American and Canadian Jews this summer will once again have a chance to work in Israeli forests, study in Israeli yeshivot, or live in Israeli settlements through Mitzva Elef [Project 1000], a month-long program that gives families and singles a taste of Israeli life, the Israel Aliyah Center here announced.

"We're now accepting applicants for what we hope will be a second successful season," said Shmuel Hollander, the project's director for North America and a representative of the Israel Aliyah Center.

"More than 250 families and individuals took part in our project last summer," he said, adding that "nearly all have told us how worthwhile and exciting it was, not only for themselves but — if they came with family — for their spouse and children as well."

Open to Jews from religious and non-religious backgrounds, this year's project will allow applicants to choose from one of five separate programs, or tracks, each offering a unique view of Israeli life, Hollander said.

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• THE JNF Program, in which participants will work four mornings each week in a forest of the Jewish National Fund;

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"Each of our programs will include touring, ulpanim [Hebrew lessons], lectures and other activities," Hollander said.

"We'll also make every effort to pair out participants with host families in Israel," he continued, adding that "this personal touch was one of the most successful features of last year's projects; it made each of the North American and Canadian families feel at home, and there were many lasting friendships formed as a result."

The project also will allow participants the time to explore job and housing opportunities, and special arrangements will be made for those who wish to meet with prospective employers and professional counterparts.

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The project's cost will vary from $1,370 to $1,560 for adults and from $880 to $1,040 for children, depending on their track.

U.S. Jewish freshmen are different: study

NEW YORK [JTA] — Jewish college freshmen, whether they entered college in 1969, 1971, or 1980, differed consistently from their non-Jewish counterparts in a variety of ways, according to an analysis just released by the American Jewish Committee.

Among the findings were such facts as "Jews entered college younger, attended colleges farther away from home, came from more prosperous homes, and had better educated parents," and "they were more active artistically and literarily, had higher academic aspirations for themselves, held more liberal views, and expressed higher self-esteem."

These conclusions, among others, were drawn from an analysis of three studies commissioned by the American Jewish Committee from the Higher Education Research Institute of the American Council on Education.

The report includes studies of attitudes in the freshman class of 1969 and in the freshman class of 1980, as well as a longitudinal study of the freshman class of 1971 and the ways its attitudes had changed by 1980. In each case, the attitudes of Jews were compared with those of non-Jews in the same class.

Among the topics covered were religious preference, educational goals, expectations of academic success, self-assessment, personal values, career expectations, political outlook, social outlook, and attitudes toward marriage and family.

On the matter of religious preference, the studies showed that Jewish freshmen identify with their parents' religious beliefs less than non-Jewish freshmen do. However, it was noted that another AJC-sponsored study found that in later life apsotate Jews come back more than Portestants and Catholics to the Jewish community, at any rate, if not primarily to the synagogue.

In the longitudinal study of the 1971 freshmen class, it was found that almost two-thirds of the students had gone on the earn a master's degree. And among Jews, almost one-third went on to earn a doctorate, more than twice as many as the non-Jews.

The favorite career of the adult men and women of 1980, especially Jewish women, was business. However, more Jewish women than Jewish men, and more Jewish women than non-Jews of either sex, chose artistic careers. More men than women had become doctors and engineers. In law, however, Jewish women outnumbered men.

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Moderator: Ann Medina, CBC "The Journal"
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Editorial

Disturbing

We note with considerable alarm the spread of violence within Jewish families. Studies conducted in some of the larger Jewish centres indicate that violence is occurring in Jewish families to the same extent as in non-Jewish families.

Ellen Goldsmith and Betsy Giller, researchers in the Los Angeles area, found more than 100 cases of family violence within the Jewish community there.

Violence within the terms of their research refers to sexual abuse of children, spousal abuse and violent acts towards children. The findings of Goldsmith and Giller stand in contrast to the conventional view that family violence is not an important issue within the Jewish unit.

According to Miss Goldsmith, "that frequency of abuse correlated with income and mobility — families with higher incomes or who moved more frequently experienced family violence more often."

Those who believe that Jewish families have stood apart from the general breakdown in societal norms will find the Goldsmith-Giller conclusions disturbing indeed.

Yet Jewish history is not unmindful of the fact that there have been episodes of wife beating in the past which, moreover, have been documented in Jewish sources.

There are several passages in the Shulkhan Arukh, the Code of Jewish law, which specifically prohibits exessive corporal punishment of children. A husband's cruelty to his wife is also the subject of several rabbinic dicta.

What occurred as a rarity in the past, however, has now become of epidemic proportions as Jewish social agencies are beginning or rather continuing to see increasing numbers of cases involving the victims of family violence.

The solutions are not easily at hand: parenting classes, premarital programs, counselling services, time-out centres — these are a few of the proposed remedies. They cannot, however, provide answers to the basic problem — respect for the individual's value as a human being.

Torah impact

It is becoming more and more apparent that Canadian Jews are starting to make an impact in the field of Torah learning. The growth of the yeshiva community in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa is a development which harbingers well for the flowering of Torah learning in this dominion.

Evidence of the strong profile which Canadian Jews are building for themselves comes from the results of a competition held recently under the auspices of the National Council of Pirchei Agudath Israel.

Three Montreal boys under Bar Mitzvah age took top honors at the event by reciting from memory 2,000 to 3,000 mishnayos each.

It is instructive to note that one of the officiants at the competition, Rabbi Moshe Bluestein, head of the Yeshiva Gedolah Merkaz HaTorah, said "that 10 years ago it was unthinkable that boys in Montreal would accomplish such major achievements."

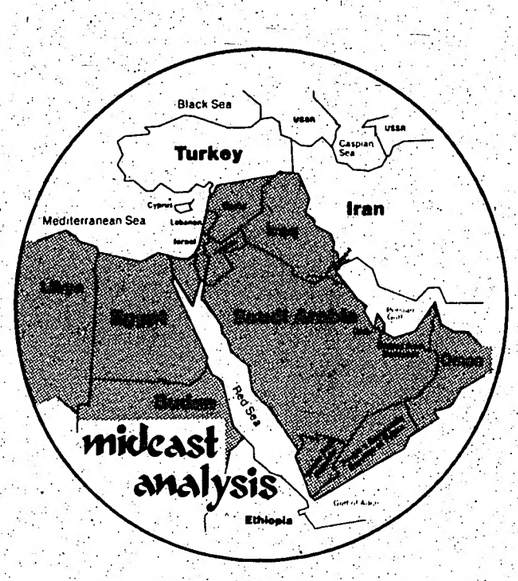
Although the three Montreal boys won top honors, organizers of the event pointed out that there is a large cadre of Montreal boys who are studying mishnayos diligently in preparation for service to Orthodoxy.

For the last little while the Montreal community has been in partial eclipse because of political developments.

We are delighted to note that these developments have not impeded the cause of Torah scholarship. We salute these budding young Montreal Torah scholars to be.

Gemayel under pressure

Violence panacea of Lebanese politics



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

At a national reconciliation conference in Geneva last year, days after a ceasefire ended yet another round of serious fighting in Lebanon, the abrasive leaders of Lebanon's warring factions gathered together as a single body for what was probably the first time.

Sitting stiffly, and staring blankly ahead, they listened to the sombre words of Maronite Christian President Amin Gemayel.

Lebanon, he told them bluntly, was dying.

"It moans under the weight of ruins and fears. If our country continues to burn, the fire will spread beyond its borders and nothing will be left of our beloved Lebanon to either unite or divide."

He was not exaggerating.

In the three months since he delivered this impassioned address, Lebanon has slid deeper into violence and anarchy, recalling the years of the 1975-76 civil war.

Earlier this month, Druze and Shiite militias — backed by Syria — seized West Beirut and captured coastal areas south of the capital, thereby drastically reducing Gemayel's ever-dwindling geographical base.

These hammer blows to his government's legitimacy were administered after Druze fighters gained hegemony in the Shouf Mountains last September, in the aftermath of Israel's withdrawal to the Awali River. Following the fall of the Shouf, Gemayel lost what precious little territory he already possessed.

With Lebanon occupied by Israel and Syria, and with its authority being challenged daily by ascendant warlords, Gemayel has been reduced to a weak rump president, whose resignation is demanded by practically all the factional leaders who are associated with Syria.

Today, Lebanon stands on the edge of total disintegration. If the bloodshed goes on unabated, Lebanon will simply bleed to death. If the current crisis is resolved peacefully, Lebanon will probably come under Syrian suzerainty. Israel, in any event, will likely maintain a strong presence in southern Lebanon — particularly because Gemayel has tried to tear up the May 17, 1983 withdrawal agreement.

For the moment, Gamayel clings to power. But, sooner or later, his regime will crumble like a sand castle if he fails to satisfy the demands of his many enemies.

Most of them have been plotting against Gemayel through the medium of the National Salvation Front, which Syria helped create in the wake of the 1983 withdrawal pact.

The men who want to depose Gemayel — a representative of Christian privilege — are a formidable and persistent lot.

• Walid Jumblatt, who is in his mid-30s, heads the Druze Progressive Socialist Party. Jumblatt has said: "We will not stop fighting unless and until (Gemayel) resigns, even if that means the complete destruction of Lebanon."

Although his father, Kamal, was assassinated by Syrian agents, Walid has linked his fortunes with that of Syria. Syrian President Hafez Assad, who seems to be emerging as the big winner in the present crisis, has supplied Jumblatt with tons of arms and ammunition. Jumblatt, having narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in the waning months of 1982, now lives in Damascus and commutes to Lebanon.

• Nabih Berri, the Shiite Amal militia leader, is 45. Like Jumblatt, he represents Lebanon's new generation of political leaders. The Shiites, who have long been ignored — or condescended to — by the powers that be, are Lebanon's largest religious group. They are also the poorest and least educated.

• Rashid Karami, a 62-year-old Sunni Moslem, is a former prime minister. He wants to move Lebanon closer into the Arab orbit, a goal desired by Syria. Under his premiership, the PLO entrenched itself in Lebanon.

Shiite militiamen ride through West Beirut in an armored personnel carrier. The Shiites seized that neighborhood from the central government, headed by beleaguered President Amin Gemayel. [Religious News Service photo]

• Suleiman Franjieh, 73, is a Maronite Christian who, at one point, was president. Syria's close ally, Franjieh is bitterly opposed to the Gemayel clan because his son, Tony, was killed by the order of the late Bashir Gemayel, Amin's brother. Franjieh, who called for the abrogation of the Israel-Lebanon withdrawal accord, has had an intimate relationship with the Syrians since they routed Moslem forces at the start of the 1975-76 civil war.

Besides demanding Gemayel's resignation, the National Salvation Front is calling for a revision of the political arrangement under which Lebanon has been governed since 1943. What this diverse coalition of Lebanese seek is a Lebanon where power is distributed far more equitably.

"The only losers in this would be the Maronites," writes Adeed Dawisha, a visiting professor of Middle Eastern studies at the School for Advanced International Studies at the Johns Hopkins University. "They would have to relinquish the political dominance they have held for 40 years. The Maronites would have to come to terms with shifting demography and power."

At last year's Geneva conference, Lebanon's leaders made some headway in reforming the system by agreeing to change the archaic political structure. Yet all the high hopes engendered by the Swiss meeting vanished when, critics charged, Gemayel vacillated.

In addition to incurring the wrath of the Moslem, Gemayel disappointed the U.S. and Israel — which privately urged him to incorporate the various religious and ethnic factions in his government on a fair basis.

Disillusionment with Gemayel was also prompted by the accusation that he had tried to crush private militias in Moslem West Beirut without a similar effort in Christian East Beirut.

Increasingly, Moslems complained that the Christian-led and American-supplied army had become merely an instrument of the Maronite Phalange militia, founded by Gemayel's father, Pierre.

Gemayel didn't bolster his popularity by ruling by decree, and he precipitated further criticism for being unable to restore buoyancy to the economy.

Despite this litany of complaints, Gemayel's detractors were still willing to talk Lebanon out of its troubles. There was widespread speculation in January that the warring factions had agreed to a disengagement plan that would have enabled the central government to extend its soveriegnty. There were even reports that Israel and Syria would acquiesce.

But it was all a chimera. Fresh fighting broke out and, by way of reaction, Gemayel accepted the resignation of his prime minister (for the third time) and announced an 8-point plan for reconciliation.

Under his scheme, the Geneva conference would be resumed, a government of national unity would be formed, Moslems would get more seats in parliament, negotiations on foreign troop withdrawals would begin and talks on future relations with Syria would commence.

The plan didn't wash, being described as too little and too late. Neither were Gemayel's opponents satisfied when he scrapped most of the provisions of the 1983 withdrawal agreement.

Last week, the Lebanese were considering a new Saudi plan which would be more favorable to Syrian/Moslem interests.

Whatever happens, Gemayel will have to reckon with an old Lebanese dictum that real change, in Lebanon, comes from the barrel of a gun. As Walid Jumblatt put it in a recent interview: "Everything depends on your power on the ground."

This, in essence, is the long-term problem facing Lebanon — whether or not Gemayel survives as president.

Meir Zamir, an Israeli scholar, addressed himself to this question in an article in the Jerusalem Quarterly. Lebanon, he writes, has not attained political maturity, and lacks a deep-rooted political tradition. "Thus there is often a tendency to employ radical means, including force, especially when political objectives have not been achieved within the framework of accepted tactics."

The 1975-76 civil war, he says, solved nothing, and marked the end of the "Lebanese political game" which had been characterized by constant compromise among the elite.

Under Gemayel's presidency, Lebanon seems to have reached the nadir of this sorrowful impasse — violence, fear, hatred and prejudice having infected its body politic.

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Enemies step up attacks

Holocaust being used as a weapon against Jews

By
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The Holocaust, for so many decades ignored by the non-Jewish world, has in the past few years become a contentious issue. Indeed, it is increasingly being used as a weapon against the Jews.

Lately, enemies of the Jewish people have increased the tempo of their attacks. Some deny the Holocaust even happened; others empty it of any specifically Jewish content, or even blame Jews for it; while still others appropriate its imagery for use against — of all countries — Israel.

Those who flatly challenge the very historical facts tend to be neo-Nazis. A prime example is Jim Keegstra, former mayor of the small Alberta town of Eckville. His case became a cause celebre in Canada last year, and he was finally fired as social studies teacher at the local high school. There are many others, including Robin Beauclaire, a British fascist who published Did Six Million Really Die? in 1974, and Arthur Butz, an American professor of engineering who wrote The Hoax of the Twentieth Century in 1977.

In California, there is even an Institute for Historical Review, complete with all the paraphernalia of academia — scholarly conferences, a journal with "objective," footnoted studies, etc. Here, so-called scholars churn out articles which cast doubt on every aspect of the Holocaust.

A somewhat more subtle practitioner of this art is the British historian David Irving; his book, such as Hitler's War, while not actually denying the mass murders, befog the whole issue in the problematics of war guilt, all the while rejecting Hitler's own part in the genocide. Irving last year tried to lend credence to the Hitler Diaries hoax; after all, had they proved authentic, they would have cast a more favorable light on the Fuhrer.

Those who deny the Holocaust believe that the Jews are an international conspiracy who have been attempting to rule the globe since time immemorial; their aim is nothing less than to enslave the nations of the world. Since Hitler in 1945 lost the war to this all-powerful Jewry, the Holocaust by definition could not have occurred. It is yet another invention of the Jews, a fabrication used to augment their power. For Butz, Keegstra and co., so powerful is this fantastic logic gone mad that it outweighs all empirical facts — these are yet further proof of Jewish trickery.

A second category of literature, which acknowledges Hitler's mass murders, intentionally blurs the Jewish boundaries of the Holocaust by subsuming that horror under the category of general war crimes. For Soviet and East European writers, the Jewish dead are universalized as part of the proletarian losses suffered by Communism. The memorial erected in 1976 at Babi Yar blandly gives notice that "100,000 citizens of the city of Kiev" were killed there — no mention is made that most were Jews. This same odd oversight can be found in contemporary Polish literature on the ghetto uprisings — these have now become acts of resistance by the Poles themselves!

Soviet historiography has taken an even uglier turn of late. Not content with making the victims invisible, writers such as Lev A. Korneyev have accused "the Zionists" of collaborating with Hitler in the destruction of European Jewry, and of subsidizing the Nazi conquest of the continent. His recently published The Class Essence of Zionism, which was characterized as "viciously anti-semitic" by the U.S. State Department, also moves a step closer to the neo-Nazi "analysis" by questioning the veracity of the Holocaust itself. Korneyev believes it may be a myth of "Zionist propaganda" and that, certainly, the figure of six million dead is "significantly overstated."

This form of historical revisionism is not confined to the Soviet bloc. The prestigious British publishing house Croom Helm last year published a book by a New York freelance journalist, Lenni Brenner, which purportedly "proves" Zionist collaboration with Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and even the Japanese! Not content with helping the enemies of the Jews, the Zionists also hindered the (supposedly Communist-led) fight against anti-semitism in the Western democracies.

Zionism in the Age of the Dictators, with its pseudo-scholarly apparatus of footnoted research, concludes that Zionism is just another form of racism, taking its place alongside other types of fascism. Books like these are designed to prove that the 1975 UN General Assembly resolution is the very soul of reason.

Nazi soldier cut the beard of a Jew. Propagandists deny that the Holocaust ever took place.

Finally, there are those who use the very symbolism of the Holocaust against the Jews. This has become a common theme in anti-Israeli articles condemning the war in Lebanon. In such writings, Begin and Shamir are equated with Hitler, Sabra and Shatila become Auschwitz, and the Palestinians are the "new Jews." A typical example of such rhetorical overkill is a piece by McGill University economist Tom Taylor, published in the May 1983 issue of Canadian Dimension.

He speaks of the Israeli incursion into Lebanon as "the Final Solution," and compares the situation of the PLO leadership in Beirut during the war with that of the Jews in the Warsaw ghetto in 1943!

Articles such as these cleverly remove that very guilt the Western world still feels about the Holocaust, transferring it from the Jews to the Palestinians — thus paradoxically making anti-semitism psychologically legitimate again. It is, indeed, a double irony, since these very Palestinians were themselves largely pro-Nazi during World War II.

That, however, did not stop the PLO leadership from laying a wreath at the Warsaw ghetto memorial in April 1983, or from referring to Israel as "the Judeo-Nazi regime in Tel Aviv" during a debate in the UN last October. With such acts they have signalled to their supporters in the West that they are taking the mantle of Holocaust martyrdom away from the Jews, all the while intensifying their own efforts to eliminate the state created by the very survivors of that catastrophe!

"If you deny or obscure the Holocaust, in part or in whole, you have created the necessary precondition for a denial of the right of the continued existence of the Jewish people in the post-Holocaust world," writes Hebrew University historian Yehuda Bauer in The Holocaust in Historical Perspective.

Yet, as Lucy Dawidowicz points out in The Holocaust and the Historians, there is no shortage of historians "willing to subvert their craft in the service of political dogma" through outright falsification or obligation of the events of 1939-1945.

George Orwell long ago warned that those who control the past control the future. In 1984, his words should be given the utmost attention.

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The threat to Israel's integrity

By
CHAIM BERMANT

The greatest threat to the character and integrity of the Jewish state comes not from Arabs, but from Jews.

This was the gist of an important speech made by President Chaim Herzog on the first anniversary of the murder of Emil Grunzweig, and I cannot imagine that any reasonable person would disagree with him.

He referred to the attempt to blow up the Al Aksa Mosque and to numerous other attacks on Moslem and Christian religious institutions, which, he said, were "often committed ostensibly in the name of Heaven," and he called on religious leaders to denounce such acts of terrorism. To which one must ask: What religious leaders?

The last Israeli chief rabbi to enjoy any standing with the secular as well as the religious community was the president's own father, Rabbi Isaac Herzog, and he's been dead for 25 years. His successor, Rabbi Iser Unterman, was a decent but ineffectual man, and his successor, Chief Rabbi Tweedledum (ne Goren), devoted most of his energies to doing battle with his Sephardi counterpart, Chief Rabbi Tweedledee (alias Ovadia Yosef).

Nothing, however, so ill became them in office as their leaving of it, and when they were required to retire, they clung to their posts as drowning men cling to a raft and they almost had to be wrenched free.

Between them, they made the religious Establishment a laughing-stock. Their successors are an unknown quantity, but given their silence on the major moral issues affecting Israel, they would seem to prefer to stay unknown.

As for the heads of the great yeshivot, the so-called gedolei hatorah, their attitude may be summed up as indifference tempered by cupidity. They will accept government subvention — indeed, through their spokesmen in the Knesset, they will clamor for them — but they are only vaguely aware of what is happening in the country.

They have always been able to use their influence to stop the buses on Shabbat; they have now stopped the planes; given half the chance they would stop all life. But I have never heard them utter a plea for tolerance, decency, justice or any of the qualities which make human society civil and humane.

Scholasticism, however, has always gone with unworldliness, and the failings of such men arise partly out of the nature of their calling.

It is when one turns to some of the younger rabbis that one really begins to worry. There is Rabbi Waldman, the head of Kiryat Arba Yeshiva, a slight, amiable figure with a pair of kindly, smiling eyes gleaming out of a wilderness of hair. He can argue with all seriousness that it is the destiny of Jews to rule and of Arabs to be ruled and that to oppose the occupation of the West Bank was therefore to oppose the will of God.

One can warm to such a man, even if one shudders at his philosophy. The same cannot be said of Rabbi Chaim Druckman, founder and head of Or Etzion Yeshiva; he simply makes one shudder.

Rabbi Druckman is the most dynamic and probably the most influential rabbi in Israel. Not because of his spiritual attainments, but because of his political connections. He was at one time in the National Religious Party, but has since moved so far to the right as to have moved right out, and he is now in a party of his own.

When there was an attempt on the life of three Arab West Bank mayors a few years ago, instead of condemning the attack, he virtually condoned it.

He once said (and perhaps more than once) that he was not averse to the state of war between Jews and Arabs, because if there were peace, there would be intermarriage, which makes one wonder what God he could be worshipping.

And whenever some trigger-happy thug is taken into custody on suspicion of killing or maiming an Arab, one can be fairly certain that he will immediately intervene with the police to explain that the culprit meant no harm, that he was "a good Jewish boy with a good Jewish heart" who was only doing it in self-defence. As far as he is concerned, there is no closed season for Arab-baiting. He is, one is not surprised to learn, the spiritual head of B'nei Akiva.

Against the Druckmans one can set Rabbi Lichtenstein of Alon Shvut Yeshiva, who has expressed the strongest reservations about the direction which religious Zionism has been taking; but, unhappily, Rabbi Lichtenstein is an isolated individual while Druckman is, in many respects, a representative figure.

In the war of attrition now being waged in Israel between the powers of light and the powers of darkness, the rabbis are largely on the side of darkness. We are in this respect, at least, more fortunate in the Diaspora or, at least, in our own little corner of it.

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Opinion

Joy Fielding rakes in financial rewards

Best-selling Canadian author knew she'd succeed

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"I've been told I'm sort of in a unique position," allowed Joy Fielding.

The author of North American best-selling potboilers like Kiss Mommy Goodbye and The Other Woman, she is a member of an exceedingly rare Canadian fraternity. In addition to Arthur Hailey and Pierre Berton, she is probably the only writer in this country who has earned $1 million from her books.

"I always felt I would succeed," said Fielding. "I had this attitude when I was making $5,000 a year eight years ago."

A University of Toronto graduate, Fielding has written five novels in 12 years, and her latest is scheduled to be published in October of this year.

If it is as popular as Kiss Momnmy Goodbye and The Other Woman, which have each sold in excess of one million paperback copies, Fielding should increase her wealth substantially.

For Kiss Mommy Goodbye, which describes a marriage breakdown and a bitter court fight for child custody, she grossed more than $500,000 [U.S.] and won more big bucks by doing the screenplay for Sam Goldwyn Jr. For The Other Woman, which is about a stormy 3-cornered relationship, she stands to gross even more.

Fielding, the mother of two young girls, has come a long way since her first novel, The Best of Friends, was published and generated $2,500 in income.

Although her success has enabled her to buy a sumptuous $700,000, 6,000 square feet townhouse in central Toronto, Fielding claimed in an interview that the influx of royalties hasn't changed her life a great deal.

Her husband, a lawyer, always did well. And, she said, they invariably lived beyond their means prior to her fairly recent publishing coups. "I'm not one of those people who think that money is at the root of all evil. I'm one of those people who knows how to spend it."

Fielding, who grew up in the posh Forest Hill section of Toronto, has mixed feelings regarding her triumphs.

She is comforted by a sense of security, knowing that publishers have been generous with her. On the basis of an outline and her past record, Doubleday is said to have advanced Fielding an astonishing $150,000 for Life Penalty, her forthcoming book.

By the same token, Fielding is under enormous pressure to produce "something people will like" — a novel which will sustain, if not enhance, her reputation.

Novelist Joy Fielding ponders her next book. [Ronny Shinder photo]

Fielding, who enjoys writing immensely, attributes her popularity to an ability to touch a reader's common nerve. "I seem to be plugged into concerns which interest a mass audience," she explained. "And my characters and dialogue are real."

Thirty eight years old, Fielding said she achieves authenticity by using her own experiences and that of her friends.

"There's a lot of me in my (last two) novels," she said, noting that her own decade-old marriage has had its ups and downs, and that some of her closest friends have split up.

She and her husband, Warren, have had their fallouts. But, of late, each has mellowed. "We stopped putting our relationship on the line every time we fought. We just sort of calmed down. I'm trying to be more accepting of another person's point of view."

Despite the fact that critics have described her latter work as "intelligent trash," Fielding sees herself as a serious writer. "Mostly, I try not to let reviews bother me," she said. "I think Kiss Mommy Goodbye and The Other Woman are well-written, address current issues and provide an entertaining read."

With an eye on future sales, Fielding observed she would lose three-quarters of her readers if she resorted to what she termed a "boring" style.

When she is writing, she devotes approximately three hours a day to her craft, building her routine around her children's lives. It normally takes her one year to complete a manuscript.

"I always know what the ending will be," she said. "If this isn't resolved, your book has no direction and you meander all over the place."

Ideas "hit" her, although she lets a good idea cook in her mind.

Writing comes easily to her, and she hates revisions. But, often, she has no choice but to rewrite. She rewrote the first half of The Other Woman three times, and she revised Life Penalty — which is about the effect of a random act of violence on a family — an equal number of times.

Fielding, whose books have been translated into at least 12 languages, Hebrew included, turned out her first novel at her mother's kitchen table after having returned from Hollywood.

At university, she appeared in several campus productions, and John Hirsch took her to Stratford as an apprentice in a few Shakespearean plays. Thinking she could become a "major star," Fielding went to California. At the suggestion of her agent, she changed her name from Tepperman to Fielding. (In private life today, she uses her husband's surname, though her older daughter's friends have called her Mrs. Fielding.)

In spite of her overflowing self-confidence, Fielding did not make the grade in Hollywood, landing only one minor part in the Gunsmoke TV series as a mute. "I underestimated the competition. I didn't realize there were girls out there who were prettier and more talented."

Fielding spent 2½ years in Hollywood, part of which time she was a bank teller.

Returning to Toronto, she began to write TV and radio scripts, one of which was accepted for production by CBC. Then, in a burst of creativity, she churned out The Best of Friends, which tells of a woman's breakdown.

"I wrote it thinking it would be the first of many novels," she said. "I assumed writing would be my career."

In 1976, Fielding wrote The Transformation — which is loosely based on the Charles Manson murders — and then she turned out Trance, which was suggested by the Patty Hearst kidnapping.

She hasn't looked back since, and Fielding said she improves with each successive book.

Fielding, who has resumed her old acting career by doing a series of TV and radio ads for such companies as ABC Detergent and Kraft, believes she has it in her to write a book once every two years or so.

And one day, she said, she hopes to write plays as well.

A pleasant, frank woman, Fielding regrets that her mother, Anne, who died 7½ years ago, saw only the beginning of her climb to the top of the professional writing market.

Anne Tepperman, she said, instilled in her the self-confidence which has been so crucial in her life.

Leo, her late father, lived to see his daughter's success. Before he suddenly died, at 66, "everything had already fallen into place," for Joy Tepperman Fielding.

Israel—the country of the unusual and unique

By
CARL ALPERT

There's no place like home! And there's no place like Israel. If one keeps his eyes and ears open he will find that this is the land of the unusual and the unique, the unexpected and unconventional. For example:

To Feed the Moslems Too. The only Middle Eastern states to contribute last year to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization were Israel and Libya. The FAO helps feed hungry nations. Among the beneficiaries this year were Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Press, Toilet, Wrapping, Letters or Computer? Of 149 countries surveyed, Israel ranked 18th in the world in its per capita use of paper. The USSR was in 19th place.

Curse of the Pharaohs. A delegation of 12 mayors of Israel cities visited Egypt last year. Four of them entered the tomb of Tutankhamen. All four were defeated in the recent municipal elections.

Delicate Instruments. David Ben Menahem, of Ashdod, issued a frantic appeal to the thief who stole his car: At least return the bag of my work tools, without which I cannot continue my profession. They are of no value to you. Ben Menahem is a mohel.

They Top Their Elders. Native-born sabra Israeli youth are on the average seven centimeters taller than the average height of European-born adults in Israel, according to a survey conducted by Dr. Meir Ben David of the Tel Aviv University Medical School. He ascribed the difference to climate and nutrition changes.

New Profession in Israel. For the first time this year high school matriculation exams will include a section on the handling and training of horses. Six boys and one girl, all pupils at the Kanot School of Naamat near Yavne, will seek to earn their points in this field.

The Travelling Kibbutznik. A survey of the general meetings held by Kibbutzim reveals that the single subject talked about the most was determination of privileges for kibbutz members to travel overseas.

An Israeli characteristic. With reference to all the political infighting which goes on here, Defense Minister Moshe Arens tells the story of a cannibal tribe which decided to dine on all white strangers who came their way. They did this until an El Al plane arrived. The tribal chief held them back. "Not these," he said. "These are Israelis. They'll eat themselves up."

Sweet Taste of Shabbat. Residents of the religious town of Emanuel in Samaria discovered to their consternation that the supply of Shabbat challot sent from Jerusalem disappeared from the shelves of the local market almost as soon as they arrived. They learned that the Arab laborers working on local construction projects had developed a taste for the soft, fresh bread, and had bought up the supplies. The market has now tripled and quadrupled its weekly order.

Who Fiddled While Lebanon Burned? In a recent interview Arik Sharon claimed to be the only member of the present cabinet who can play the violin.

Sign of the Times. After checking the background of their employees, the managers of the Delta Textile firm decided hereafter their house organ would be published in both Hebrew and Arabic.

Welcome Intruder. The Jerusalem police received a "complaint" from an elderly woman that during her absence from her flat an unknown person had forced the door open. On her return she found the dishes had been washed, the stove cleaned and the floor scrubbed. Nothing was missing.

Unwelcome Foreign Trade. It has been estimated that since the beginning of the war in Lebanon, more than 15 tons of hashish and over a thousand grams of heroin have been smuggled across the border into Israel.

Affluent Society. Israel's first canine cemetery has been opened at Moshav Zofit, near Kfar Sava. The funeral fee includes dignified transport of the body and interment in an avocado orchard. No services are held.

Professional Training. A Tel Aviv bank clerk, accused of systematically stealing from customers' accounts, has been offered a new job — with the income tax office.

The general was Jewish

A Belgian historian has conclusively established that the late French general, Maxime Weygand, the supreme Allied commander during the early phase of World War II, was the son of a Marseille Jewish businessman, David De Leon Cohen.

It had earlier been rumored that Weygand was the illegitimate son of Belgium's King Leopold II. Other sources claimed that he was the direct descendant of the former Empress of Mexico, Charlotte, while others still traced his ancestry to the son of Emperor Napoleon I.

Prof. Albert Duchesne, honorary director of the Royal Belgian Museum of History and one of Belgium's most respected archivists and researchers, recently announced that Weygand was "without the shadow of a doubt" the son of the Marseilles Jewish businessman who built a fortune in cereals and a Belgian women he later wed.

Duchesne, who obtained official documents, including some which had been kept secret till now, says the legend surrounding Weygand's birth stems from the fact that David De Leon Cohen sent his mistress, Therese Denimal, to Brussels to give birth. He was married at the time and wanted to avoid a scandal. After his first wife's death he married Denimal.

The Belgian historian says the boy was legally adopted at birth by the bookkeeper employed by his father, a man named Weygand, but inherited an important part of his father's fortune at his death.

Born in Brussels in 1867, Weygand graduated from the French Saint Cyr Military Academy and embarked on a brilliant military career. During World War I, he was Marshall Foch's chief of staff and in 1930 was promoted commander-in-chief of the army. He retired in 1935 but was called back to active service in 1940 to become commander-in-chief.

After Marshal Petain became the head of the Vichy administration, Weygand was appointed defense minister in his pro-German government and later served as his representative in North Africa. After the war he was tried by a French military court but found not guilty of having collaborated with the Germans in an undue manner. He died in 1965 and refused till the end to reveal his origins. — [JTA]

Opinion

No rest from world's woes

Florida sun doesn't melt away Jewish issues

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I'm back, thank heaven, after two weeks and two half-days in Florida! And, what a relief to discard the Floridian pretense that this is summer when the whole world knows that it's still winter! It was a wondrous experience to wake, on the morning after my return, to the invigorating wintery sunshine and the powdery-white decorations on the tree-tops.

J. B. Salsberg

If it's so wonderful here at this time of the year, some wiseacre is sure to ask, then why did you follow the crowd to Florida? The answer is that I didn't follow the crowd but was lured there by my well-meaning uncle Eliezer. A few weeks "under the sun," he thought, would rekindle my usual optimism. I surrendered to his designs and joined him knowing that he too is dragooned to that place by his scheming children. That is how it came about that I journeyed, for the third time in my life, to Florida in midwinter.

What did I learn during this brief visit? I learned, first and foremost, that just as one [any one] cannot escape from oneself, so can't a Jewish activist escape from his specific Jewish worries. And nowhere is this truism more demonstrated than in Florida during the winter solstice.

Escape the troublesome Jewish issues in Florida? It's like trying to escape a war by heading for the front lines.

The Greater Miami area has become the winter capital of North American Jewry and the locale for the largest and noisiest Jewish carousel in the world, next to Tel-Aviv itself.

Not only the lower echelons of the Jewish elite from around the world make their presence known there but the most prominent of the world-wide Jewish political, religious and cultural eminences flock to Greater Miami with all the fanfare that their stations deserve.

So, I ask you, my sympathetic readers, is that a place for one who needs a wee bit of rest from the Jewish woes to escape to? No, it isn't. One has to be "stronger than iron" as my mother would have said, to escape the drawing-power of the largest and noisiest Jewish merry-go-round in the world that pitches its tent in Miami at this season of the year.

Behold, my dears, what Jewish Miami offers in one week.

— Miami's largest civic theatre offered "Shalom '84," a massive song and dance production "direct from Israel." Every performance in an auditorium that looked to me to have a capacity of 3,000 people, was sold out.

— The same theatre announced the next attraction "for five performances only" featuring Mary Soreanu, with "an all-star cast and dance ensemble direct from Broadway," in "The Jewish Gypsy."

In Yiddish it is given as "Die Yiddishe Tzigaynerkeh."

— The Lincoln Theatre announced an "all new American-Yiddish vaudeville" that offers "Scha, scha, der Chosen geit."

— The Jerusalem Night Club also offered a musical program and an "American Israeli atmosphere."

— The Association for Promoting Tourism in Israel announced the presentation of the Israel Army Choir and Orchestra for a performance in the same Miami Beach Theatre of the Performing Arts. (Only why anyone in Miami Beach should be expected to visit Israel when Israel's talents all flock to Miami Beach is beyond me.)

All the above, my fascinated readers, is, as my uncle says, "like a drop in the ocean." Just read on and you will appreciate why a "concerned Jew" can't escape from his roots, his involvements and his Jewish worries by running off to Florida.

— The Israeli ambassador to the U.S.A. addressed, during the same time slot, a gathering of the Israel Bond organization; . . . a prominent American rabbi addressed, according to the Yiddish orthodox weekly Der Algemeiner Journal, "a parlor meeting of well-to-do Jews on behalf of the Lubavitcher institutions in Detroit." . . . according to the four column headline in the same issue of the above mentioned weekly, the (Orthodox) Agudat Harabonim Conference in Miami Beach heard a call for "glat kosher" swimming pools. That means that kosher hotels should establish hours for male swimmers and separate hours for female swimmers.

— During the same week or so the Histadrut Foundation held its annual mid-winter conference in Miami which was addressed by top leaders of the Histadrut and Labor Party of Israel. . . . "YIVO," the institute for Jewish (mainly Yiddish) studies, held its annual mid-winter session in Miami . . . the renowned Miami Yiddish Lecture bureau held a weekly afternoon Yiddish lecture series every Wednesday afternoon that drew 250 listeners to one and 500 to the other of the series . . . and the Miami Beach Museum offered a special exhibit of Jewish art treasures, on loan from Prague.

In such an atmosphere how could one escape his Jewish worries? One didn't. Indeed I must return to this subject next week. Stay with me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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HER MIXED MARRIAGE WORKS

Re Susan Judith Bartenstein's Jan. 19 letter headed "Mixed marriage a heartbreaker":

Perhaps Miss Bartenstein would have more success if she realized that being a "decent Jewish girl" is not the only factor in a successful marriage. There are such things as love, trust and common interests.

I am the Gentile half of a "mixed marriage" and, offhand, I can think of seven others — and we are happy.

My husband is a very well-established businessman and was a 50-year-old bachelor when we married 25 years ago.

Alice S. Jacobs
Montreal

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KNIGHT IN SHINY PANTS?

I can remain silent no longer with regard to the trials and tribulations of one Susan Judith Bartenstein. This poor girl, alone, faces the callous, self-indulgent, morally repugnant world. While all Jewish men are not pursuing one-night pleasures of the flesh or engaging in homosexual relations, this poor girl is left to her frustrating search for the proverbial nice Jewish boy.

However, all is not gloomy. As a red-blooded Canadian Jewish male, I can assure Ms. Bartenstein that there are at least a few honest heterosexuals still at large in the Jewish community.

Unfortunately, I am currently involved with a girl; but otherwise I would offer my companionship to her to prove her hypothesis about Jewish males incorrect.

However, I will keep my eyes wide open, and she can rest assured that my friends and I will do all we can to find her a knight in as shining a coat of armor as is possible in this day and age.

Until such time, I suggest that Ms. Bartenstein continue to keep the Canadian Jewish community up to date on her travails, via The CJN. I for one, shall not rest until Ms. Bartenstein hears the crack of glass under her betrothed's foot, under the chupah.

Keep your chin up, Susan. Help is on the way.

P. J. Enivel
Toronto

MORE PERILS OF BARTENSTEIN

The day after you printed my most recent letter to you on Feb. 16 headed "Professional man, boy's IQ," I received a very disturbing phone call.

This "man" told me his name was Martin, but refused to reveal his last name. Maybe he has something to hide. He didn't sound kosher.

Martin told me, if I wanted to meet nice Jewish men, I should not ever go to a single's bar [I've never been in one] or to Jewish clubs or to the Jewish Community Centre. He said they were all meat markets.

I was shocked to hear him run down the Jewish Y. Yet this Martin told me, "I'm the most decent Jewish man you've ever talked to."

Next day he called again. He demanded that I meet him at Bathurst and Eglinton near his office. I refused. I said I'd much rather go to the Bloor Y. He accused me of going there to pick up a man.

I didn't answer. I felt it wasn't his business.

He then got so angry he called me a vulgar word and told me to "Go hide under a rock." I'm still in shock over his insult. For I'd never heard this vulgar word in my entire life. I had to phone someone to interpret the word for me, as it doesn't exist in the three dictionaries I consulted.

Apparently he hates women and is in dire need of professional help. Yet this disgustingly immature "boy" had the chutzpah to call himself a decent Jewish man. I'm so vulnerable as a decent Jewish woman that's all I needed.

Susan Judith Bartenstein
Toronto

Editor's note: Correspondence concerning the further travails of Susan Judith Bartenstein is herewith concluded. We leave her future marital destiny in the good hands of the singles clubs at the Jewish Community Centre, where, like Mr. P. J. Enivel, we hope she finds the nice, decent Jewish man of her dreams.

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BOOKWORMS CAME A-NIBBLING

We appreciate your Jan. 26 article by Frank Rasky headed "Job in Latner Library offers banquet for bookworms."

The bait worked, the bookworms nibbled, and many of your readers called wishing to be volunteers.

Thank you again. Visit us at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library of Toronto at 4600 Bathurst when your time allows.

Jeanette Blatt
Toronto

Israeli Sabra on patrol duty at Lebanon border.

SEXISTS ON SABRAS? NO!

In your reports about the Israel Defence Forces patrolling the northern border of Israel, you never mention the valiant soldiering of the female Sabras. Could it be The CJN is sexist?

Marilyn Snider
Montreal

Editor's note: Never!

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PLEA FOR STENOS

I enjoyed reading Lou Seligson's column in your Feb. 9 Montreal edition about Harold S. Freeman, the Montreal lawyer.

Mr. Freeman is a fair and honest man, and I am sure his clients are pleased he has been able to serve them conscientiously for so long.

I am writing, however, because of the statement in the article which infers that Mr. Freeman works "alone" in his office. Apropos your recent coverage of the status of women in the clergy and synagogue, once again the woman behind the man has been forgotten (neglected? overlooked?).

The secretary who does not get a pre-lunch nap; who does not get a 2-hour lunch break so she can take a swim at the Y, who does not get away for a mid-week afternoon game of summer golf or winter bridge, and who stays on to complete dictation long after the boss has left for the day has been historically disregarded.

Her very existence is not acknowledged!

In the name of truth and justice, I would ask you to give credit where credit is due: for many years of diligent and loyal service, Mrs. Jeannine Tellier deserves honorable mention.

Ms. S. M. Rubin
Montreal

Editor's note: She sure does — and we're delighted to honor her.

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WORRIED ABOUT PULLOUT

As the parent of three children attending the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto and as past treasurer-director of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools (OAAIS), I would like to comment on Patricia Rucker's Feb. 16 front-page report headed "Day schools leave OAAIS."

The joint decision of the Board of Jewish Education and the Toronto Jewish Congress to pull the Jewish day schools out of OAAIS begs two questions which have not yet been answered:

How will the action benefit the [Jewish] community's efforts to obtain some public funding for the day schools from the Ontario government?

And what alternative plan does the BJE and TJC have to replace the programs provided by the OAAIS coalition?

As to the first, the government at Queen's Park has been given yet another reason to continue procrastinating at a time when it seems they are about ready to take up the challenge to recognize and fund independent schools.

As to the second, if there is a plan that is better, the (Jewish) community should be told before our 7-year investment in looking for justice and funding as part of OAAIS goes down the drain.

Paul F. Shapiro
Toronto

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BURAK, DON'T CAST STONES

Re Rabbi Burak's column (Feb. 9 headed "Can women be ordained as rabbis?"):

If the learned rabbi chooses to write his weekly column dealing in pilpul on obscure issues in halacha which have no relevance to Jewish life in the 20th century, that is his prerogative.

However, when he devotes his column to denigrating and castigating Conservative Judaism and its proponents, he is not dealing in halacha, and, in fact, is treading on dangerous ground, for Orthodoxy has many skeletons which are better left covered up.

Jack Jacobson
Toronto

World-National

U.S. Marines withdraw from Beirut

Israeli armored patrol thrusts north of Awali

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political and military adventures. Haaretz, the respected Tel Aviv daily, asked editorially how "flag showing" can be reconciled with Israel's professed policy of non-intervention in Lebanese politics.

No public criticism, however, was voiced to protest Israeli air raids in areas controlled by Lebanese Druze, which are aligned with Syria.

Israeli jets pounded what the military command said were bases belonging to the PLO. The air force has been fairly active in Lebanon since last November's truck-bombing in Tyre — an incident which caused the deaths of nearly 30 Israeli soldiers.

As Arens told reporters that Israel planned no redeployment south of the Awali "at this stage," the Israeli army was under attack. One soldier was wounded slightly by small arms fire as his convoy approached Sidon, the largest town under Israeli occupation. Three more were hurt when a grenade was thrown at their patrol in the center of Sidon. A soldier was killed when his patrol was ambushed in Nabatiye.

Israel denied a report that five of its men had been killed in a separate incident. Israel acknowledged that a general strike, called by Shiite clergy to protest the killing of a cleric last month, was underway in south Lebanon.

Despite President Ronald Reagan's pledge that the U.S. would not "cut and run" from Lebanon, the Marines evacuated their base near Beirut's closed international airport, and it was taken over by the Lebanese army and Shiite and/or Druze rebels combating the government.

The battleship New Jersey, the showpiece of the Sixth Fleet, fired on pro-Syrian Druze positions in the central mountains after an American reconnaissance plane had to duck anti-aircraft flak.

With the Marines all but gone, and with British and Italian forces already having departed, the peacekeeping force, such as it is, was being manned by 1,500 French soldiers.

They could do nothing to dampen the fighting in and around Beirut — which erupted in spite of an official ceasefire.

Increasingly beleaguered, Gemayel was considering a new plan to break the impasse in Lebanon. It reportedly calls for the appointment of a new prime minister and cabinet, changes in the political structure, the resumption of the national reconciliation conference [which convened last November in Geneva], and the public abrogation of the May 17, 1983 troop withdrawal agreement with Israel.

Gemayel had quietly scrapped the 1983 accord when he accepted an earlier 8-point plan, but abrogation did not go into effect because Syria rejected that plan.

According to reports, Syria accepts the new 4-point plan. This would obligate Gemayel to cancel last year's treaty without giving Israel any security concessions in southern Lebanon.

The plan, too, would not force Syria to carry out a simultaneous withdrawal with Israel.

Shamir makes progress in agriculture talks

BRUSSELS [JTA] —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made progress last week in his efforts here to convince leaders of the European Economic Community [EEC] to protect agricultural exports in the Common Market countries.

In a 3-day visit here, he made an impassioned plea for the Europeans to give Israel favorable treatment when considering its dire economic plight, noting its $1.7 billion trade deficit with the EEC.

He said Israel was worried about its agricultural exports after Spain and Portugal join the EEC within the next few years. He stressed repeatedly to the EEC ministers that more than 70% of Israel's agricultural exports go to the Common Market countries.

He said Spanish agricultural products would squeeze Israel out of this market unless its products were granted special import conditions.

The EEC agreed to allow Israel to delay by two years the removal of its remaining tariff barriers on industrial goods imported from the 10 EEC member states.

Avi Pazner, spokesman for the Israeli delegation, said this concession and a decision to grant Israel special privileges to help protect its struggling industries were "a great success for Israel's manufacturers."

Shamir spoke at the EEC-Israel mixed commission, a body that was "frozen" when Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982. The fact that the commission has resumed deliberations after a 2-year hiatus was hailed by Israel diplomats as a great success.

Improvement sought by Cairo

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Egypt, in the long run, is interested in improving its relations with Israel but its short term priority is to return to the Arab fold, according to Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Berman held a press conference here last week to report on his talk with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in Cairo. He said that despite the "cold peace" between Egypt and Israel there are ongoing contacts between the two countries.

He noted as an example that Mubarak will send a message to Premier Yitzhak Shamir on Egyptian-Israeli relations. Egypt has also agreed to allow the resumption of the search for the bodies of fallen Israeli soldiers in Sinai, Berman said, but Mubarak sees that as "humanitarian" and not a political gesture.

Mubarak asked Berman to reassure the Israelis of his good intentions toward Israel. But Berman pointed to "Egypt's escalating conditions" for the return of its ambassador to Tel Aviv. Those conditions are Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon, movement in the autonomy talks and a resolution of Egyptian-Israeli border dispute in the Taba region.

Egypt recalled its ambassador when Israel invaded Lebanon in June, 1982.

Berman said there was no doubt that Egypt does not want war with Israel. He said Mubarak denied reports that he had told King Hassan of Morocco last year that he considered the Camp David accords "dead." On the other hand, the Egyptian president did not appear overly perturbed by the fact that Hassan circulated that story, Berman reported.

Nazis gain freedom

PARIS [JTA] —

Three French Nazi collaborators whose death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment by President Charles deGaulle have been released after serving 20 year prison terms, the justice ministry confirmed.

The life sentences of Jean Barbier, Jacques Vasseur and Joseph Cortial were reduced to 20 years by deGaulle's successor, former President Georges Pompidou. A justice ministry spokesman said that "after completing their sentences there was no possible reason to keep them in jail."

Barbier, now 64, was sentenced to death in 1966 for having led the French Gestapo faction in Grenoble. He had also been a member of the Waffen SS and served on the Russian front during World War II. He was arrested in 1963 after hiding out for 17 years under a false name. He was released from prison last August.

Vasseur and Cortial, also in their middle sixties, were originally sentenced to death for serving as Gestapo agents. As such, they arrested Jews and resistance fighters for deportation to death camps.

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World-National

Wiesenthal launches a campaign to expel Nazi

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tradite Rauff to West Germany, without success so far. He wrote to Reagan about Rauff last April but Reagan did not respond directly, Wiesenthal told the press conference at the National Press club.

He said the matter was turned over to the state department, which in turn referred the matter to the American embassy in Santiago.

"Rauff is 78. He must be brought to justice soon," Wiesenthal said. Rauff's subordinates "have been tried, found guilty, and sentenced to terms of 20 years to life," he pointed out.

"West Germany sought Rauff's extradition from Chile in 1962. In 1963, by a 2-3 vote, the Supreme Court of Chile turned the extradition request down."

In a prepared statement, Wiesenthal said the only way Rauff can be extradited "is if leaders of the Western world let Pinochet know that Rauff's presence in Chile stains its reputation."

Wiesenthal also told the press conference that he has evidence linking "members of the Catholic clergy" with the flight of Rauff from Europe, including the role played by Bishop Alois Hudal. He said it was well documented that Hudal, who was working in the Vatican at the end of the war, provided Red Cross papers identifying fleeing Nazi war criminals as displaced persons.

Meanwhile Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld appealed to the United States and American public opinion to help pressure the government of Chile to expel Rauff.

"What we can do in the case of Rauff is to mobilize public opinions," Klarsfeld told a news conference at the headquarters of the American Jewish Committee. In suggesting that the U.S. apply pressure on the government of President Augusto Pinochet, Klarsfeld said "dictatorships are always sensitive to pressure coming from abroad."

Klarsfeld's appearance follows her recent visits to Chile, seeking support for extradition requests for Rauff to stand trial for war crimes, and to Paraguay, to ask the government to locate and expel the most notorious of Nazi war criminals, Joseph Mengele, the doctor who carried out inhumane experiments on prisoners of the Auschwitz death camp.

"Time is running out," Klarsfeld said.

"These criminals are getting older and older and I think it is a question of justice that they just don't die in their beds in Santiago or in Paraguay."

New budget for Israel presented by minister

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says this is merely "a technical assumption" and prices may go higher. Another assumption is that the shekel will be worth 192 to the U.S. dollar. The present rate of exchange is about 100 shekels to $1, but the rate varies day-to-day.

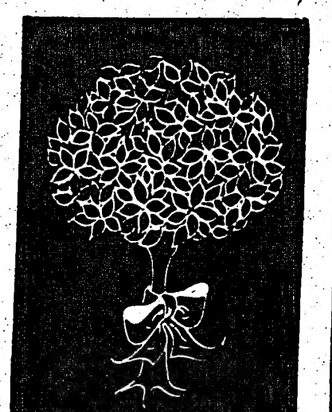
There is no estimate in the budget of the inflation rate for the 12-month period during which it will be operative. It will, however, be subject to quarterly adjustments based on revenue and inflation. This is a break with past practice, when the budget was amended every time inflation surpassed the forecast rate.

On the touchy issue of settlement activity in the occupied territories, Cohen-Orgad said settlements in the West Bank, the Golan Heights and in Galilee as well would receive government assistance commensurate with their distance from the main population centers. He did not mention the establishment of new settlements but he did not suggest a settlement freeze.

Labor MK Gad Yaacobi, chairman of the Knesset economic committee, denounced the budget and expressed hope that it is the last budget that will ever be submitted by a Likud government. "What we are seeing in this budget is an acknowledgement that the economic bubble has burst. The illusions of the past three years have gone up in smoke and now there is a more sober mood," he said.

Yaacobi maintained that, as a result of the economic crisis brought on by Likud, Israel's economic dependence on the United States is greater than ever. "It is not even a question of how much aid we will be able to receive," he said.

"We are waiting to hear from Washington what our economic policy ought to be. This is a result of the trade gap and foreign debts which have swollen to unheard of proportions."



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Levinson kills self

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Leumi. According to press reports, the bank's investigators were looking into Levinson's activities as chairman of a company known as U.S.A. Investments, incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1982, which may have caused a conflict of interests with his position at Bank Hapoalim.

Another aspect of the investigation was Levinson's conduct as board chairman of the Bank Hapoalim and his subsequent chairmanship of the Ampal Co., a Bank Hapoalim subsidiary. Since 1977, Bank Hapoalim was said to have sold at least a third of its share of Ampal to another company controlled by a West German trade union's bank.

Levinson was once suggested as a possible finance minister in the next Labor-led government. The media recalled the suicide several years ago of Avraham Ofer, a former housing minister in a Labor government, who killed himself under the shadow of alleged financial irregularities.

Levinson is survived by his widow and four sons, one of them presently in the U.S.

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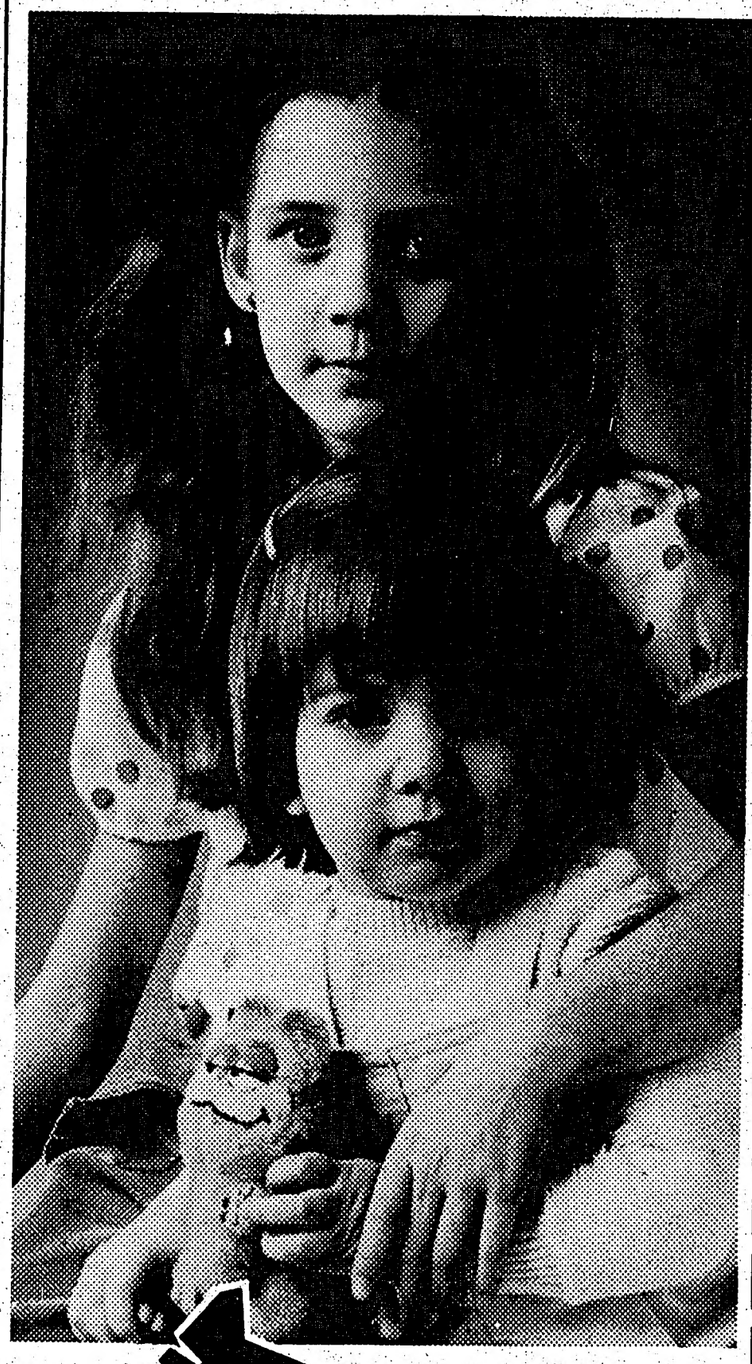

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BETH TZEDEC YOUTH

The Beth Tzedec youth department would like to start a Shabbat afternoon study group for children 10-12 years of age. These study sessions would take place on Shabbat afternoons before Mincha and would deal with various topics including the weekly Torah portion. After the sessions, the children would join the adult congregation for Mincha, seudah shlishit, Maariv and havdala. If you are interested, call the youth office at 787-0381 for more information. The group will be under the supervision of **Jonathan Shiff**.

On Sunday, March 18, the Beth Tzedec Kadima Chapter will be holding its annual Purim carnival. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. The funds raised will be for tzedaka. More information will be forthcoming.

PIONEER WOMEN THORNHILL

Pioneer Women Thornhill Chapter Aliza is holding a trivia night and mystery auction on Saturday, March 10, at 8.30 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Admission is $9.95 per couple and there will be dessert, coffee and fantastic prizes. For further information, contact the PW office at 636-5425.

Reading "Allowed," the importance of reading to your children, will be discussed at the next meeting of Yamit Chapter on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. at 261 Winding Lane, Thornhill. Myrna Levy of The Children's Book Centre will be the guest speaker. For information, call hostess Carol Gerstel at 881-0002 or the PW office at the above number.

END OF SEASON SALE

Just A Second Shop, a project of Jewish Family & Child Service, located at 3420 Bathurst St., is clearing out all merchandise for $2.99 for a full bag, and $4 for two bags. There are coats, suits, dresses, shirts, pants, blouses for the whole family. The sale runs from March 1 to March 9. Don't miss this once a year bargain!

ABOUT STOCKS AND BONDS

The Widows and Widowers Group of Beth Sholom Synagogue is meeting on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker is **Al Freireich**, stock broker and educator, who will discuss stocks, bonds and making the most of your money. This is open to the community.

WOMEN AND JUDAISM

Women and Judaism is the theme of the Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and Education running March 4-8.

Norma Joseph of Concordia University, Montreal, will speak on Where Do I Belong? A Feminist Quest in the Jewish Community on Sunday, March 4, at 8.15 p.m. at Temple Sinai, and on A Feminist Hermeneutic of the Bible on Monday, March 5, at 2 p.m. at York University, Curtis lecture hall B, at 2 p.m.

Rela Geffen Monson of Gratz College, Philadelphia, will discuss the Impact of Feminism on Jewish University Students on Tuesday, March 6, at 1 p.m. at York U., Vanier College, and on Changing Gender Roles in a Changing Society: Issues Confronting the Jewish Family in the 1980s that same evening at National Council of Jewish Women Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., at 8.15 p.m.

Anita Norich of the University of Michigan will talk on The Women of Isaac Bashevis Singer on Wednesday, March 7, at the Lipa Green Building auditorium, 4600 Bathurst St., at 8.15 p.m. and Portraits of the Jewish Family in 19th Century English Novels on Thrursday, March 8, at York U., Bethune College at 10 a.m.

Series is sponsored by York University in co-operation with the Board of Jewish Education. All lectures are open to the public and free of charge. For further information, phone 667-3079.

MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

At the Sunday, March 4, meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, guest speaker **Julius Hayman**, editor of The Jewish Standard, will discuss Middle East Update. Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

STUDY WEEKEND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am adult education committee is presenting a weekend study experience March 9-11 with scholar-in-residence **Arnold Ages**. The weekend theme is Three Great Trials in Jewish History.

Ages will deal with The Trial of Alfred Dreyfus at the Oneg Shabbat Friday, March 9, at 8 p.m., The Trial of Mendel Beilis at the Shabbat morning service which begins at 9 a.m., and The Trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg at a breakfast meeting on Sunday co-sponsored by the brotherhood and sisterhood. Service is at 9 a.m. and the breakfast at 9.30. There is a charge of $2 for breakfast.

SEPARATED FAMILY WEEK

Countless Jewish families remain in the Soviet Union, separated from loved ones in Israel. At a meeting on Wednesday, March 7, co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, and Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, **Jim Peterson**, MP for Willowdale, will give a personal account of his trip to the USSR and will send a Passover greeting card to **Vladimir Tsurkerman**, his own adopted Refusenik.

Cards will be available for mailing. There will be a display of separated families and the film, The Last Journey, will be shown.

The time is 8 p.m. at the Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

ADULT HEBREW CHUG

Toronto Chug L'Ivrit invites the public to attend its next meeting on Tuesday, March 6, when guest Hebrew speakers will be Israel's vice consul to Toronto **Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu**. His topic — Israel's Policy in Judea and Samaria Since 1977.

Israeli news broadcasts and discussion will begin at 7.45 p.m. with the lecture at 8.30. Meeting takes place at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. For more information about the chug, call Mike Rubin at 633-7192.

DINNER DANCE

SEF (Sephardic Education Foundation for Or Haemeth School) is holding a dinner dance Saturday, March 10, at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, 20 Danby Ave. It will be an Israeli night with Israeli folk dances by the Neurim and Nirkoda Israeli dancers plus a lottery draw for a 1984 Chevette. Dancing will be to the music of the Stars Band. Tickets are $20 per person. For reservations, call 226-3145 or 636-4719. Proceeds will go to Or Haemeth School.

JEWISH MUSICAL PLAY

Hachnosas Kallah is presenting a Jewish musical play, A Necessary Move, on Sunday, March 11, and Monday, March 12, at 7.45 p.m. each evening, at Lawrence Park Collegiate (Lawrence and Avenue Rd.). This musical, produced by women of the community, has a cast of 20 women. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children. You can get advance tickets at Yossi's, Kol Bo, Negev and Perl's. The event is to raise funds for needy brides.

WALLENBERG FILM

The McMaster University Jewish Students group and the cultural arts committee of the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre are sponsoring a screening of the film, Raoul Wallenberg: Buried Alive on Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in Ewart Angus Centre of the McMaster University Medical Centre. Wallenberg was the Swedish diplomat who was responsible for saving many Hungarian Jews during World War II and was later imprisoned in the Soviet Union.

FAMILY SKI PACKAGE

A cross-country ski package for families is being offered March 15-18, complete with winter sports (tobogganing, snowshoeing) plus special programs for children and evening babysitting. It takes place at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. For information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211.

BETH TZEDEC MENS CLUB

Rabbi David Gordis of the Rabbinical Assembly, New York, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, March 4, breakfast meeting of the Beth Tzedec Mens Club. The time is 10 a.m.

GARAGE SALE

You will find bargains galore on new and used merchandise for the whole family at the spring clear-out garage sale run by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, on Sunday, March 4, from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

NEW YORK GALLERY TOUR

The Koffler Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre, has organized a New York City art gallery tour for April 27-29. Highlights will include a slide lecture on New York galleries before the tour and visits to the various galleries and museums.

The cost of $485 double occupancy or $655 single occupancy covers air transportation, Canadian and U.S. transportation taxes, NYC transfers and baggage handling, accommodation and breakfast at the Kershire Place.

Participation is limited and reservations must be in before March 12. For information, call **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 328.

BOOK REVIEW

Holy Blossom Sisterhood invites you to attend a book review on Thursday, March 8, when **Hadassa Rosenberg** will review **Ann Tyler's** novel, Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant. The time is 1.30-3.30 p.m. in the foyer.

MID-WINTER CAMP

A mid-winter camp for boys and girls 7-16 years of age will be running March 11-16 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. There will be winter sports, including cross-county ski instruction, arts and crafts, movies, music and dancing. Call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211 for further information.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, that popular group of senior entertainers under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** accompanied by pianist **Elaine Duff**, is back from vacation and will be making March appearances. On Thursday, March 1, the group performs at Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 14, at the Salvation Army North York Temple, 25 Centre St., at 2 p.m.

For information about the group, call 248-4764 or 222-7422 or 633-2527.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here are the rest of the special programs scheduled in March at Shalom Village in Hamilton —

Thursday, March 15 — Multicultural days continue with a visit from Armenian friends at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 — The youth dancers from the Jewish Community Centre under the direction of **Susan Szczur** in celebration of Purim at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21 — **Dr. Louis Greenspan** of McMaster University's religious department will speak at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22 — Entertainment by the Hamilton Irish Choir under direction of **Peggy Jones** at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 25 — Simcha Sunday celebrating residents' birthdays with entertainment by **Marvin Rosenshien** at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28 — A slide presentation by **Anna Rizzotto** of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Further information is available by calling 528-5377 in Hamilton. Tours of the centre are available upon request.

BB WOMEN MISSISSAUGA-OAKVILLE

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada Mississauga - Oakville chapter's next meeting is set for Monday, March 5, at 7.30 p.m. at 2098 Farrier Mews, Mississauga. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 820-8069 or 827-9471.

WIDOWED-CONNECT

The Jewish Singles Project Connect's Widowed-Connect is reaching out to recently widowed men and women to form a support group to help each other ease the grief and uncertainty for the future. Group meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call 731-4600.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohi Congregation Sisterhood is holding a Purim carnival with music of the Star Band and a guest singer from Israel on Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (at Bathurst). The full course dinner is $36 per couple. There will also be cash prizes for the best costume, Monte Carlo games from midnight on and a cash bar. For tickets and information, call 665-4490, 499-9825 or 665-2919.

PURIM FUN

Congregation B'nai Avraham [Unionville-Markham Hebrew Association] is having a Purim carnival and brunch on Sunday, March 18, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Crosby Arena, Main St., Unionville. There will be games, raffles and costumes. Cost is $10 per family. Reservations are a must by March 7. Call 475-7687 or 294-9404 or 477-7040.

HADASSAH-WIZO ISRAEL TOUR

The annual Toronto Hadassah-WIZO tour to Israel, celebrating Israel's 36th year of independence, departs April 30 and returns May 14. Leading the tour will be **Ilse Seetner**, past president, and **Patricia Alpert**, current president of the Toronto group. The itinerary includes visits to Hadassah-WIZO projects along with Israel's historic and modern sites.

Among the many highlights will be a visit to Yad Vashem on May 4 accompanied by **Gideon Hausner**, prosecutor at the Eichmann trial, meeting with **Chaim Herzog**, president of Israel, and then on to lunch at WIZO House with **Mayor Teddy Kollek** and **Menachem Savidor**, speaker of the Knesset.

For more information, contact **Sara Pachter** at Fisher-Fremont Travel Ltd. at 481-3323 or the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

CHABAD ADULT INSTITUTE

Chabad Adult Institute (CHAI) is pre-

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BOOST FOR BAYCREST

John McMurtry, vice-president, Central Region, Air Canada [second from left] presents a corporate donation to the new Baycrest Hospital campaign which is now in full swing again. Accepting the contribution are from left to right: Fred Karp, president Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Tom Warrington, deputy chairman, Corporate Division, Baycrest Hospital Campaign, and Sam Ruth president, Baycrest Centre Foundation.

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senting a Shabbat weekend with **Dr. Yaakov Brawer**, professor of gynecology and obstetrics, McGill University, March 9-10. The first lecture on Friday, March 9, at 8.30 p.m. deals with Diaspora — A Disconnection Syndrome. The second lecture on Saturday at 8.30 p.m. focuses on Recent Advances in Science in Relation to Torah. It all takes place at the new Chabad-Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

Refreshments will be served and there is a cover charge of $3 per person. For reservations and further information, call 731-7000.

NCSY UPDATE

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is holding its annual Our Way Shabbaton for deaf Jewish youth March 23-25 at Clanton Park Synagogue. All youth 14-25 years of age are welcome. For information, call 782-3117 or write to NCSY, 3600 Bathurst St., Toronto, M6A 2C9.

On Saturday, March 10, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., NCSY will be dealing with the topic The Threat of Cults to Today's Jewish Youth. The movie, Ticket to Heaven, will be shown and there will be a guest speaker to answer any questions. Refreshments will follow. The cost is $2 for members and $2.50 for non-members. All youth grades 9-13 are welcome. For information, call **Heather Shore** at 636-8666 or **Howie Dayton** at 665-4172.

The Free Jewish High School program for students grades 9-13 runs every Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. There is always a guest speaker.

For information about NCSY programs, call **Richard Winkler** at 782-3117.

PURIM PARTY

The Chane Szenes Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is celebrating Purim at a party at the Habonim Hall, 12 Hollaman Rd., on Sunday, March 11, at 4 p.m. with artists **Rose Lovas**, soprano; **Lola Julitta Kane**, pianist and Trio Lane by **Joseph Roth** and family.

HILLEL STUDENTS, U OF T

On Friday, March 2, the Shabbat dinner features a speaker from the Ethnic Squad of Metro Toronto police force, **Douglas Bowerman** and/or **Mark Mendelson.** Services begin at 5.49 p.m. and dinner is at 6.35. Cost is $5 for members and $6 for non-members.

The Pastrami and Video To Go series on Tuesday, March 6, presents Wounds From Within [activities of the Klu Klux Klan] and The Chosen, based on Chaim Potok's novel. Drop in at Hillel House any time during the day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to see either video.

On Wednesday, March 7, there is the bagel brunch at Scarborough College at noon in Council chambers room S 403. Charge is $1 for members and $2 for non-members.

Coming on Saturday evening, March 10 — **Chava Alberstein.**

For information about Hillel activities, contact **Betty** at 923-9861.

for seniors

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 is having a musicale luncheon on Tuesday, March 6, at 12.15 p.m. featuring singers Mila and Friends. The cost is $5. Everyone is welcome but reservations are a must. Reserve now by calling 781-3511.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni meets on Wednesday, March 7, at 1.30 p.m. to hear guest speaker, lawyer **Joanna Kuras**, Bloor Information and Legal Services, talk about The New Family Law.

The Bloor JCC runs a stroke recovery program on Wednesdays from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the main lounge with an exercise class followed by a social or cultural program. For more information, contact Mark Egan or Annette Anker at 924-6211.

Workmen's Circle Social Club [+ 60] is now back from Miami and is holding an opening meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. There will be lunch with entertainment by singer **Fern Dworkin** and pianist **Paul Matthew.** Guest speaker will be **Rabbi David Monson.** Guests are welcome. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The Monday, March 5, program of **Club Chaverim,** the North-East Jewish Seniors group, will be a video screening of The Chosen based on **Chaim Potok's** best seller about the friendship of two young men who are divided by the same thing that unites them — their faith. The program begins at 1.30 p.m. . . .

Morning programs include oil painting, beginners bridge, and English as a second language. For lunch, you can bring your own (dairy) or enjoy a variety of cheeses, herring, tuna and egg salads, fresh fruit and vegetables, all you can eat, for a $1 . . . For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's Jewish literature and discussion program with **Nat Garnick** continues on Monday, March 5, at 1 p.m. . . . The final briefing session for the trip to Israel and London is Wednesday, March 7, at 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue. Trip departs March 12 and returns April 1. If you are interested, contact **Lena Sugar** at 789-3213 or **Merle Young** at 499-4400 . . .

Ongoing programs include exercise on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10.30, dance classes on Wednesdays from 12.15-1.15 and oil painting on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Adath Sholom Jubilee Club invites you to join the independence day tour to Israel, led by **Rabbi David Cooper.** This economy, three-week tour will leave May 1 and return May 21. Included in the tour, for $1,675 U.S. funds, is three weeks accommodation, 13 days of touring, breakfast and dinner daily, and Metro Airways 747 flight via New York. Join the tour and celebrate 36 years of independence. To receive itinerary, call 635-0131.

The Bloor JCC Good Age Club meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. in the main lounge of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. [at Bloor]. On March 1 the group will welcome new members to a special movie presentation and refreshments. For more information you can call Mark Egan at 924-6211.

Your Home: A Safe Home? is the topic of the March seminar for seniors given by experienced health professionals at Sunnybrook Medical Centre on Thursday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to noon. The community is invited to attend and admission is free. Seminars are held the first Thursday of each month at Sunnybrook in room 1615, E-Wing. For more information, call **Mary Steeves,** North York department of public health at 493-4617.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living's Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting **Stephen Rosen,** executive director, Canadian Technion Society Central Region, in a talk on Technion and Its Role in the World on Tuesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

The Sunday afternoon program on March 4 features the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre under the direction of **Nat Garnick** in Purim Shpiel, with a cast of 25 singing and dancing to Purim music. Showtime is 2 p.m. Admission is $1.50 for members and $2 for non-members and you can bring your grandchildren to this family show free of charge.

The centre is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The telephone number is 225-2112.

singles

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group welcomes **Rabbi Robert Marcus** as guest speaker on Sunday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, lower banquet hall, 3080 Bayview Ave. The topic will be Current Controversy: Femlib Versus Jewish Religious Law. Admission is $3 for members and $5 for non-members. Members of the North-East Singles and Holy Blossom Singles/Single Parents groups are especially welcome and entitled to admission as members.

A buffet brunch sponsored by **Jewish Singles Project Connect** takes place Sunday, March 18, from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Park Plaza Hotel. Guest speaker will be CKFM commentator **Jeremy Brown.** Cost is $17.50 non-refundable. Reservations are a must. Call 731-4600 mornings.

A cross-country ski weekend for singles is arranged for March 8-11 [or March 9-11 if you can't get away earlier] at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound. Weekend also includes tobogganing, snowshoeing, evening programs and, of course, excellent meals. Call the Jewish Camp Council at 924-6211.

Jewish Singles Travel Registry announces its opening meeting on Monday, March 19, at 8 p.m. at Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor Ave. Admission for non-members is $3 at the door. For more information, call **Hymie** at 665-9323.

On Sunday, March 4, the Bloor JCC is presenting former cabinet minister **Paul Hellyer** at a brunch in the main lounge from 12.30-2.30 p.m. His topic — Jobs For All. Admission is $3 for JCC members and $4 for non-members. Tickets may be obtained at the front office of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For more information, contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211.

40 + Singles Holy Blossom Temple meeting on Sunday, March 4, features **Marci Segal** in a workshop on Creative Problem Solving. The time is 8 p.m. in the foyer of the Philip Smith Congregational Hall. Refreshments will be served. There is an admission charge for non-members.

Smart Jewish Singles (ages 21-39) will meet on Sunday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. to hear rabbi and author **Meir Gottesman** present How to Fall in Love in Three Days, Jewish Style. Refreshments will be served. Donation $4.

The Jewish Community Singles 25-35 years invite you to an evening at the Art Gallery of Ontario to see the Mystic North Exhibit on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. Meet at the gallery [Dundas and University] bookshop. Get your exhibit ticket first. Look for Honey and Lorne. For more information, call Ruth Goodman any Wednesday at 636-1880, ext. 239.

Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group mid-winter dance is set for Saturday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the temple. Fee is $4 for members and $6 for non-members ($1 from each ticket will go toward helping a Refusenik family in Russia). For additional information, call **Miriam** at 223-7170 or **Elaine** at 484-6484 . . . D and M Nite (Discussion and Mingle) takes place Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at the temple. For further discussion, contact **Elliott** at 638-3548.

The JCC Singles [40 +] small discussion group on Monday, March 5, will focus on Love is Something That Grows, Not Something You Fall Into. The time is 8 p.m. in the Good Age Lounge of the JCC northern branch. There is a charge of $1 for coffee and cake. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 332 or **Doris** at 636-1687.

Jewish Singles Travel Registry is planning a trip to Israel May 1-21 with dinner and breakfast daily, 13 days touring, direct 747 flight via Metro Airway from New York. The cost is $1,720 U.S. funds. March 15 is the deadline for the $300 deposit. For itinerary, call **Elaine** at 499-1584.

There is co-ed volleyball every Tuesday evening at 8.30, sponsored by the **North-East Jewish Single Parents** and Chai groups. It takes place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Charge is $1 per person. For information, contact **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813.

Solelim [25-40] invites all singles to attend a spiritually uplifting concert starring Chava Alberstein, top Israeli vocalist, on Saturday, March 10, at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, King's College Circle. Solelim has purchased a block of $12 seats. If you would like to be one of the chosen few to join in this event, please reserve by advance payment no later than Thursday, March 8, by calling Mandell at 783-2779 from 7-10 p.m.

at the jcc

Look through the Jewish Community Centre spring program book (hope your copy came with last week's CJN) and plan to register for a spring pick up! Registration for all spring programs for JCC members begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 4. Non-members registration for the northern, Bloor and Koffler Centre of the Arts starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, and on Sunday, March 11, for the North-East branch.

The Koffler Gallery visual arts studios will hold the annual student exhibition and sale from 11 a.m. Sunday, March 4, to March 11. On exhibit and sale will be students' works in design, drawing, pottery, painting, cartooning, calligraphy, clay and stone sculpture.

The Koffler Gallery of the Koffler Centre of the Arts is located at 4588 Bathurst St. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday. For more information, call 636-2145.

The JCC northern branch offers a large variety of day camp programs for ages 2-18 years. Along with the experienced leadership of the new director of camping services, **Stan Zynoberg,** many new highly qualified staff have been hired.

Registration is now taking place for Arts

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TECHNION MISSION

The Toronto Chapter group of the recent Canadian Technion Society mission to Israel led by Mark M. Friedman and Ontario Treasurer Larry Grossman, attend a dinner at the Dan Carmel Hotel in Haifa. From left to right [front row]: Gary Goldberg, Dr. and Mrs. Shimon Bursztein Mark and Merle Friedman, Larry and Carole Grossman and Prof. Josef Singer, Technion president. From left to right [middle row]: Jack Chisvin, Alison and Alan Schwartz, Shoshana Singer, David Azrieli of Montreal, and Stephen Rosen. From left to right [back row]: Prof. and Mrs. Shmuel Merhav, Gerald Sheff, Prof. Shmuel Sideman, Elias Friedman, Sheldon and Susan Taerk, Dr. Ori Better, Mrs. Shmuel Shimoni, Mrs. Ori Better and Emanuel Shimoni.

OUTSPOKEN FINALISTS

Finalists in the Associated Hebrew Schools annual junior high public speaking contest are shown with staff members and judges. From left to right [standing] are Dahlia Riback; Joseph H. Rosenfield, principal, general studies; Jeff Dickstein; Danny Ellenberg; Andrea Rudnick; Sima Naymark, coordinator; Elizabeth Rucker [first place]; Edward Wolfish [second place]; Dan Ryan, English chairman; Rabbi Pinchas Brumer, principal, Hebrew studies. From left [seated] are judges Andy Barrie, TV and radio personality; Victoria Stevens, deputy bureau chief Neighbors Toronto Star, and Jeanne Beker, CITY TV and Entertainment Tonight personality. [See story page 20] [Ben Lechtman photo]

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Village, Counsellor in Training, Fundale, Leadership in Training. Racquet, Gymnastics, Snoopy, Snoopy's in Training, Sports, Sunshine. For more information, call Donna Steinberg, camp registrar, at 636-1880, ext. 231.

Looking Good, Feeling Great is the topic of the lecture **Rita Goldenberg** will give on March 5, at 12.30 p.m. at the northern JCC. This Topics Unlimited lecture is organized by the PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts. Come and enjoy a discussion of the psychological principles used to heighten self-esteem and confidence, and watch a demonstration of skin care and makeup artistry. Admission is $1 and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 243.

A meeting for parents of children with multiple handicaps will be held Thursday, March 1, at 8 p.m. in the Good Age Lounge of the JCC northern branch. The topic is Programs, Services and Financial Assistance from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Speakers will be **Gerald Clarke**, manager, Information Services Secretariat of Disabled; **Frank Riley**, manager, North-West local office for the ministry; **Marg Mitchell**, sujpervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation services Unit, and **Ornella Ferwerda**, income maintenance officer responsible for handicapped children's benefits. For more information, call **Carolyn Howell** at 636-1880, ext. 335.

Register now for the senior kindergarten (age 5 by Dec. 31, 1984) which offers individualized program, advanced studies, gym, music, swim, Jewish content program, field trips and in-class orientations. For more information, call **Rona Kaushansky** at 636-1880, ext. 229.

The Jewish Babysitting Co-op, co-sponsored by the North-East branch of the JCC, Jewish Family & Child Service and Jewish Singles Project Connect, is a co-operative babysitting exchange for those in need of occasional, short-term child care. Applications are now being accepted and interviews conducted. Call **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813 or **Beverley Mandell** at 498-5223.

At the Bloor branch — The Bloor JCC announces a variety of courses for children of all ages, to begin the week of March 19. For pre-schoolers there is Creating Together, Creative Playtime, Catch Me Mommie, Catch Me Daddy, Professor Hoozenflop's Mishkebibel and Music Makers.

School age children can participate in Pottery, The Stage Door, Enjoying Making Art, Creative Drama, Dungeons & Dragons, What is a Computer and How do I Use It? and General Role Playing. Registration begins Wednesday, March 7, for all programs. For a flyer and more information, call **Florence Marantz**, co-ordinator of children's programs, at 924-6211 . . .

On Sunday, March 4, former cabinet minister Paul Hellyer will be speaking at a brunch taking place in the main lounge from 12.30-2.30 p.m. His topic will be Jobs For All. Admission is $3 for JCC members and $4 for non-members. Tickets are available at the front office of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. [at Bloor].

For more information, contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 . . . The family Purim celebration is set for Sunday, March 18, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome. There will be crafts, entertainment and food . . . The annual Passover seder will be on Wednesday, April 18. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. Contact Mark Egan now . . . The stroke recovery program runs on Wednesdays from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with an exercise class followed by various social and cultural events. For information, call Mark Egan or Annette Anker at 924-6211.

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The "unusual" runs the gamut from Israeli banks in Toronto to the Toronto Jewish Humanist Congregation (Beth Adam), Almost Free Jewish University, Jewish Vegetarian Society, Pomegranate Guild of Judaica (Jewish Artisans), to Jewish radio and television programs available in Toronto, to name some.

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Organizations and People

Toronto-UJA group leaves for Israel

Project Renewal restores hope, human dignity

TORONTO —

Project Renewal, United Jewish Appeal's concept of twinning North American Jewish communities with those in Israel requiring neighborhood rehabilitation and social revitalization, has been slated as a major focal point of UJA activities commencing with the 1986 campaign.

In this connection and potentially beyond, Toronto-UJA's Project Renewal steering committee leaves for Israel March 1, to view ongoing results of Toronto Jewry's existing commitment to the village of Beit Dagan — and to investigate the possibility of acquiring future neighborhood projects.

Local Project Renewal steering committee chairman Adrienne Offman is a firm and long-time advocate of the community twinning concept.

In citing a recent CBC report which revealed that every 7th family in Israel now exists below the poverty line, she also sees it as a crucial instrument of Diaspora support for Israel's economically hard-hit public sector at this time.

"Those families . . . the deteriorating neighborhoods and conditions they live in . . . are exactly what Project Renewal is all about: the restoration of hope and human dignity through positive action," Offman says.

There couldn't be a better case in point than the Toronto-Beit Dagan connection itself, which this Jewish community initiated three years ago.

Ties between Toronto Jewry and Beit Dagan were forged by (then) steering committee chairman Jack Chisvin, and by Irving Granovsky, who was and still is in charge of liaison for the various projects which became an out-growth of the twinning.

As Granovsky recalls it, Beit Dagan in those days was known as "The town time forgot." Development since its founding in 1948 was practically nil, and a resultant go-nowhere/do-nothing inertia had gradually enveloped its largely unskilled adult population.

In fact, Beit Dagan was on the verge of becoming "The town that ceased to exist." Demise was that close, as government authorities prepared to relocate residents elsewhere throughout Israel.

But, says Granovsky, "A funny thing happened on the way to the funeral. The townspeople simply refused to roll over and die. They were close-knit . . . they believed in their ties . . . they believed Beit Dagan did have a future. And they weren't about to be displaced without a fight."

Fight they did — including sitting out a prolonged collective "shvitah" (strike) to protest the village break-up — and the rest is history: a reverse was effected, and the village ultimately became part and parcel of the government's urban renewal joint-venture program with the Jewish agency, Project Renewal.

Out of this evolved the Toronto-Beit Dagan connection, and the changes today in the character and make-up of the village — thanks to UJA funding — are profound.

Since 1981 numerous projects under the UJA aegis have flourished, addressing a range of problems in social, educational and rehabilitative areas and cutting across all lines of Beit Dagan's population.

A dental clinic is now established fact. A weekly newspaper, seeded with UJA funds, is helping to create a sense of village pride and identification.

And at one point, a training program for village women to become proficient in the operation of sewing machines produced the beginnings of a cottage industry in the manufacture of hospital uniforms.

Centrepiece of all this is the Beit Dagan community-cultural centre, currently in its construction phase and representing the first physical undertaking funded by UJA-Project Renewal of Toronto.

In Israel, you can count on the fingers of one hand the number of towns and villages without some form of gathering place. But here, too, time and circumstances conspired to neglect Beit Dagan.

There was nothing, not even a cinema . . . just the street for the village youth, and not so much as a hall for their elders.

That will change late this year, finally, when the centre is topped-off. To the townspeople, its structure symbolizes more than just brick and steel: it signifies the heart and soul of Beit Dagan's communal being.

As one resident puts it: "It tells the world, 'Look . . . we're here, we exist. Because someone cared!' "

Toronto Jewry does care. Offman knows that much. And she believes that Project Renewal — which heightens the sense of community-to-community identity such as now exists between Toronto and Beit Dagan — will ultimately prove a uniquely personal and effective means of creating even stronger ties between Diaspora Jewry and Israel.

Other steering committee members who will accompany Offman on March 1, include Irving Granovsky, Michael Benjamin and Martin Goldberg.

Hall to chair Ronson dinner

TORONTO —

Robert R. Hall, will act as chairman of the dinner honoring community leader R. Lou Ronson.

Dr. A. A. Epstein, National President of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University made the announcement. The dinner, to be held June 18, will see the establishment at the University of the Hilde and Lou Ronson Foundation for Overseas Students.

Robert Hall

In accepting the appointment, Hall said that it was a great source of personal pleasure to him to be associated in this way with the community tribute to Ronson.

Hall felt privileged, too, he said, to be playing some small part in supporting Haifa University, "whose achievements and academic excellence are already earning it an enviable reputation both in Israel and abroad."

Noting that the Ronson Foundation will provide a sound financial structure for the development of the University's Program for Overseas Students, Hall said that "in addition to promoting intellectual growth, the program offers Canadian and other students from abroad the emotional experience of being in close contact with Israel, culturally, physically and spiritually.

Hall, who has just completed a 2-year term as president of Variety Clubs International, has been involved in almost every area of Variety Club activities in Toronto and internationally for more than 25 years. He now serves as chairman of the World Board.

A former radio and television broadcaster, Hall earned international laurels for his radio station CHUM in 1949, with his eye-witness commentary from Toronto Harbor of the tragic SS Noronic fire in which 120 lives were lost.

Hall is a vice-president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto and honorary counsel to the Canadian JNE, a member of the National Council of Christians and Jews and is on the Board of Governors of Doctors Hospital in Toronto.

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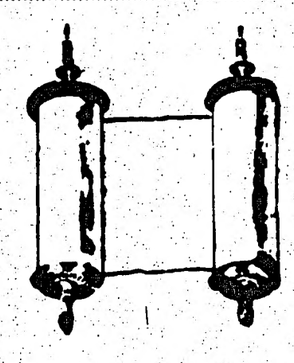

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Pekudal/Shabbat Shekalim

All wealth comes from G-d. You have to have faith, and you have to share.

The Dubner Maggid told this parable: A poor man walked with a heavy load. A passerby in a wagon saw him, and invited him to ride along.

Gratefully, the walker climbed up on the wagon, but continued to hold the heavy load in his lap. "Put it down," urged the wagon-driver, "and rest yourself."

Answered the passenger: "Sir! You are good enough to give me a lift, should I burden you with my sack also?"

Answered the wagon-owner: "Fool! Whether you carry the bag in your lap, or place it down — either way I am carrying it!"

We don't carry ourselves — G-d does. There are rich doctors and struggling doctors. Builders, writers, teachers, some who don't have what to eat, and some who don't know what to do with their money! The Ribono Shel Olam decides.

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This week's parsha is called Shabbat Shekalim — the Shabbat of money. Jews from all over the world gave a machatzit hashekel, a half a shekel, to support the sacrifices of the Holy Temple.

But why half a shekel? If G-d wanted us to give a donation, why not a whole coin?

But the half a shekel was given by the Jews to atone for making the Golden Calf. Who sinned with the calf? Men and women? No! The men lusted after the idol, but the women remained steadfast. A man and woman are two halves of one coin, and since only one half sinned — only one half had to give!

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Others explain: the shekel represents a Jewish neshama. Why only half? Because a Jew receives only half a neshama from above. The other half he acquires only by his own efforts (chashra l'toval). . . .

The Sefer Toda'ah adds: a half a shekel because it is for an atonement. Only half the Jewish neshama can ever be made impure by sin . . . the other half always remains the way it was handed down. . . .

But above all . . . a half a shekel to show that no Jew is alone. We are all halves. One Jew needs another to complete his service of G-d. You do this mitzvah, I do that mitzvah, together all the nation of Israel in one Komah — one holy form.

If one Jew leaves our fold, we are all incomplete!

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Hassidim know how to join together.

Once a misnaged visited a rebbe's "tisch" — table — and saw how the hassidim grabbed for "sherayim" (leftovers from the tzadik's plate) with their hands. The misnaged made a sour face at this "unsanitary" behavior.

Said a hassid: "Why do you make a face because we eat with our hands? A fork is made by the hand of flesh and blood, and we recite a blessing over it only once (when it is immersed in the mikveh after purchase). But our hands are the work of the Creator, and we make a blessing over their washing a few times each day. . . . Aren't hands superior?"

Let's have clean hands. Shabbat Shalom.

Invited by West Germans

Rabbi returns to country he fled

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

Before he left on a 2-week visit to Berlin, Munich and several other major cities, the rabbi of Adath Israel Synagogue told The Canadian Jewish News that when he meets with government officials and media representatives, "The question I really look forward to answering is 'What can we do now?'

"My answer is: support the state of Israel."

Schild particularly wants to convey the message that German arms sales to Saudi Arabia are a source of deep concern.

"There is worldwide Jewish indignation at the idea that German arms could be used to kill Jews."

It is his third visit to Germany since World War II. The first, in 1972, was very brief — a quick sidetrip to his native Muelheim as he and his wife were on their way to Switzerland.

In 1981, at the invitation of the Christian community of Muelheim, a suburb of Cologne, he returned for several speaking engagements.

"It was a very successful event," he recalled. "There's a great interest on the part of devout Christians to enter into a dialogue with Jews.

"It (the Holocaust) puzzles young Christians — they can't come to terms with it. They think it's at least part of their responsibility as the children and grandchildren of those who lived through those years to be interested in relations with the Jewish community on terms of humility and modesty."

He was a particularly good partner in dialogue because he had lived in Germany in the 1930's, and could talk about what the German-Jewish community was really like then.

Rabbi Erwin Schild

Many of the Jews presently living in Germany were, in Schild's words, "cast up by the waves" — refugees from the "displaced persons" camps where the Allies collected the remnants of all Europe.

These new German Jews have a very special place on Schild's agenda. During his visit, he said, he wants to have "real contact with the Jewish communities, something I missed on the previous trip.

"They have a tremendous feeling of isolation . . . the Jews in Germany feel somewhat under a cloud for living there.

"But it is inevitable that Jews will live in Germany — Germany is far too important. It would not be good for the Jews, not to be there, because of Germany's political and economic role."

Day care opens

TORONTO —

Toronto's largest hospital work-place day-care facility for children opened officially earlier this week on Feb. 28.

Located on the grounds of Sunnybrook Medical Centre, the Sunnybrook Creche serves children aged 14 weeks to 4 years, and has a capacity for 75 children.

The day care has been granted a license to serve the community as well as employees of Sunnybrook Medical Centre; however, priority is given to Sunnybrook applicants.

Following four years of intensive planning and lobbying for funds, construction of the Creche began in late 1982. The board of directors of the Creche raised $401,000 for building and furnishings.

Major contributors were Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Sunnybrook Hospital University of Toronto Clinic, and the ministry of community and social services.

Scholar-In-Residence chosen by Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —

Beth Tzedec Congregation has invited a young academic to be its Scholar-In-Residence for the weekend of March 2-4 when he will deliver the Anne Belle and Manuel E. Pusitz Annual Memorial Lectures.

On Friday evening, March 2 at 8.30 p.m. Dr. David Gordis, vice-president of the University of Judaism and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will inaugurate Beth Tzedec's Israel-Diaspora Institute. The Institute will seek to analyse some of the major problems facing the Jewish community in the years ahead.

The opening theme for the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat will be Is There A Future For Conservative Judaism In Israel? On Shabbat morning his subject will be Is There A Future For The Jewish Family? The series will close Sunday morning at 10 with a lecture entitled Is There A Future For Zionism?

Gordis, who has published extensively in many areas of Jewish thought and life, will also deliver a special Shabbat afternoon Shiur at 4 on Jeremiah, with an attempt to examine what lessons can be learnt for our time from one of the great biblical prophets.

All lectures are open to the public.

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Change in Orthodox hurting Conservatives

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

With Orthodox Jewry adapting to the challenge of modernity, the Conservative branch of Judaism is losing its "reasons to be," says Shaye Cohen, a lecturer at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

"The Conservatives were always in the middle. They held on to old ways but also introduced new ways," Cohen said. "With the Orthodox accepting some new ways however, the Conservatives are beginning to flounder."

Cohen was speaking last week at a breakfast at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The breakfast was part of a study weekend dedicated to the memory of Harry A. Lerman, former president, vice-president and chairman of the board of directors of the synagogue.

Cohen said that when the United Synagogue of America, a Conservative synagogue was established, its motive was to provide Jews with a synagogue that was neither Reform nor Orthodox.

"But now, with the Reformed Jews spending more time studying the Talmud, and Orthodox Jews giving up some of their past rigidity, the Conservatives are finding themselves in trouble," Cohen said.

He said that religion is much more complicated now than it was in the past.

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Organizations and People

Irwin Gold predicts strong future for community

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
The Jewish community and its institutions in North America and especially in Toronto, will continue to prosper and grow stronger, Irwin Gold told a meeting of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service.

Gold, who is executive vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress, made no specific predictions as to what the future may hold for the Jewish communal professional, but did state his long-term view was "very positive, optimistic and bullish."

A native of Toronto, Irwin Gold spent 30 years in Jewish communal service in major communities in the United States before returning to home base in 1975 to take on the position of TJC executive director.

Looking back four decades, he described the development of Toronto's Jewish civil service network as "amazing and mind-boggling."

He recalled that before World War II the Jewish Family & Child Service had only a handful of case workers and that both the little house and gym on St. George Street and the extension to the Talmud Torah which constituted the YMHA and JCC (later to be merged), employed less than 10 workers.

Canada, Gold said, was decades behind the United States in the establishment of its Jewish communal institutions, due not only to the fact that the Jewish immigration flow to this country came much later, but that our origins were Eastern European rather than German as was the case in the United States during the 19th century. By the turn of this century, the U.S. communal worker was well established.

The turnabout, Gold explained, came in the aftermath of the Holocaust, with the large influx of survivors that poured into Canada, particularly to Toronto.

"The reactions of the Jewish community to the Holocaust and the recognized need for greater, more complex services, had made the professional the instrument through which prescribed duties and functions were to be executed."

He went on to say that attitudes and values tend to change slowly. "There is little doubt in my mind that there is still a hangover of some of the feelings about professionals in the Jewish community" dating back to the early years of the century when they were perceived somewhat as "melameds or mashgiachem."

These attitudes, Gold assured his audience, belonged to the past and will disappear completely before long.

He sees the Lipa Green Building, which houses almost every Jewish agency in the city, and the Jewish Professional Association, as a catalyst in fostering a positive climate for more co-operation and dialogue between agencies and between professionals. This, he feels, will replace an atmosphere of insularity that prevailed when agencies were scattered in different locations.

The communal worker, Gold stated, is seen more and more as an essential, highly esteemed member of the Jewish community.

"Professionally, I was born too soon," was his wistful conclusion.

TJC seeks to aid disabled

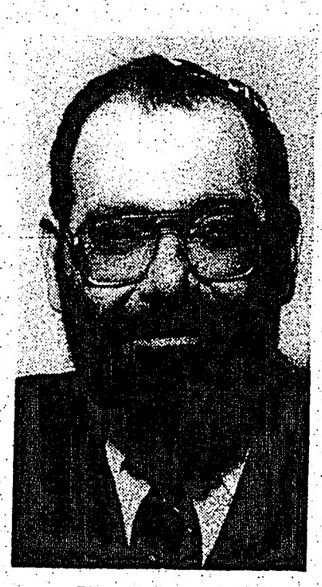
By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The Toronto Jewish Congress is setting up a committee on the needs of the disabled, Yitz Feldman, TJC president, told a recent symposium on Jews in Crisis at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Willingly or unwillingly, there will be a committee, although I don't know when," Feldman, himself a victim of polio, said.

He recalled how his mother had refused to hide him away from people, as some parents of other polio sufferers were doing, and insisted on him getting a full education. In that sense, he said, she was ahead of her time for which he will always be grateful.

He warned the symposium that there is a long way to go in Toronto in meeting the challenges posed by the disabled. "A government or the Jewish community



Yitz Feldman

only moves as quickly as the people want them to move. Go to the JVS, to the JFCS, to the TJC and go to your shul. If you go home from here and sit on your chair you've wasted your time."

Judith Rosner-Siegel, symposium chairman, also urged people to become active on this issue. She pointed out that the locale of the meeting, Shaarei Shomayim, is not fully accessible to the disabled because the washroom doors are not wide enough and a freight elevator must be used to get from one floor to another.

Earlier, Feldman said he is unable to attend mid-week services at his own congregation, Clanton Park Synagogue, because he cannot negotiate stairs to the lower level, and so he goes to a different shul.

A recent study found 13% to 15% of the Jewish community in U.S. to be economically disadvantaged and it is safe to assume that the Canadian Jewish community is suffering similar dislocation, Pearl Chud of Jewish Vocational Services told a workshop. "It not only can happen here, it is happening here," she said.

Noting that youth unemployment in Canada is as high as 25% and there is debate over the value of a university education, Prof. Arthur Kruger, dean-elect of Woodsworth College, U of T, said university graduates are having more success in finding jobs than others.

"Young people today must be prepared to do jobs that gives them the income to find satisfaction off the job," he declared.

Chud said it is a myth that 90% of people are working at jobs they like.

Other speakers were Perry Romberg, JFCS, Sandy Keshen of Reena Foundation, Lesley Miller and Patricia Starr, of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Martin Krossel, a member of the Disabilities Task Force.

Other workshop leaders were Elaine Rubinoff, Gail Solish, Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Sorele Urman and Rosalie Nepom.

Reports from the workshops were given by Arthur Kruger, Dorothy Klein, Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, Ralph Wintrob, Adrian Brockfeld, Mrs. Esther Schwartz, Helen Green, Harold Klein and Dr. Eugene Tozman.

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Lizzie leaps to school win

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

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Every one of these kids is bright, articulate, intelligent.

As radio and TV personality Andy Barrie said in announcing the decision of the judges (Barrie, CITY-TV's Jeanne Beker and Victoria Stevens of the Toronto Star), "Every one of them is a winner."

And that my kid is one of them is something I can't be unbiased about.

I think it's great!

CZF honors leader

Ben Gurion compared to Moses

by
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In the Poland of his youth, David Green grew up in a world of faith, suffering and pogroms. Like many other Jewish young people of his time, Green's hero was Theodore Herzl. Yet Green was to eclipse even Herzl in his work on behalf of the Jewish people.

In 1906, at age 20, Green left his home in the village of Plonsk and made the journey to Palestine. Before long he was totally immersed in the political life of the Yishuv and soon rose to be its foremost leader.

"Like Moses leading his people to the promised land," David Green, later Hebraicized to David Ben Gurion, became the pivotal actor in the rebirth of the Jewish state of Israel.

Recently, about 10 years after his death on Dec. 1, 1973, the Canadian Zionist Federation commemorated the accomplishments of this unique individual at a meeting at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Ruth Leroy, chairman of the CZF central region, made the comparison of Ben Gurion to Moses — both carrying a "messianic message to create one nation while battling hostile states."

Ben Gurion's long list of accomplishments was recounted in a film prepared by the Israel Film Service.

Julius Sokoloff, vice-president of the CZF central region, said, "Like the Hagadah from Pesach, even though we know the story [of Ben Gurion's life], it should be told and retold."

Ben Gurion was a "rare combination of a great visionary, an idealist and a realist fighter," he said. "He realized the existence of Israel depends on her force and her righteousness. Ben Gurion's vision was that Israel be a light unto the nations and that moral values serve as the basis of the state's foundation."

On his last trip to Montreal, Sokoloff said, Ben Gurion presented two guidelines for Jews living outside Israel — aliyah and chinuch (education). Those may be the two factors in the survival of Israel, Ben Gurion said.

Max Goody, deputy chairman of the CZF central region stressed that "as a great leader of his generation Ben Gurion's vision was ahead of his time."

Ben Gurion's vision that "people would not be restored to the land if the land is not restored to the people has currency today," he said.

Israel's consul-general, Gideon Saguy, called Ben Gurion "the architect of Jewish nationhood, independence and nationalism. Among the many giants of that Jewish generation, he was the man to whom it befell to bring about the declaration and implementation of the independence of Israel.

"First and foremost, he considered himself a son of the Jewish people," Saguy said. On one occasion, Ben Gurion met a visiting politician from France. After several hours of talks Ben Gurion asked the politician to sum up their conversation.

"I'm a Frenchman first, a socialist second and a Jew third," the poliician said.

Without skipping a beat, Ben Gurion quipped, "Aren't we lucky we Jews read from right to left."

After recounting many of Ben Gurion's achievements, Saguy referred particularly to his strength in 1947. "Many at that time said it's not the time for a Jewish state. But Ben Gurion was resolute enough to come forward and say, this is the time and we will do it now. And to a large degree, that's why we have a state today," Saguy said.

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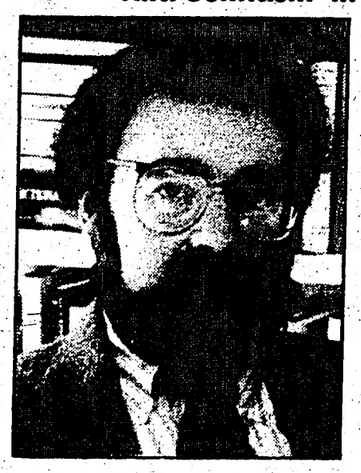

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"Always room to change and improve"

JCC camping director looks forward to challenge

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Being the Jewish Community Centre's freshest kid on the block, it's quite understandable that Stan Zynoberg is a little confused about whether he's moving into a renovated lot or a new development.

The programs in his department are expanding and changing so rapidly that the JCC's recently installed director of camping services isn't certain if he has landed a new position or just taken over from someone else.

Stan Zynoberg

"Michael Silverman [now director of the North East JCC] was camp director and had several camps," says Zynoberg. "But this is sort of a new position in the sense that our programming has expanded to include nine different camps and with more facilities, I guess there is more responsibility."

Zynoberg, 28, who worked with handicapped children for five years as director of recreational services at the Reena Foundation and sat on the JCC's group services and special needs committees prior to taking his latest post, says he welcomes the additional workload.

"There is always room to change and improve," he says. "There is no limit to how far a camp can go to design programs to meet the needs of children. We regularly survey children and their parents and try to implement their suggestions and ideas into our programs. You have to keep up with social changes and the times."

Something the JCC seems resolved to do.

The number of camping programs available has almost doubled this year with four new concepts going into operation. Inaugural projects include leadership training, a camp for 14-year-olds that focuses on group dynamics and developing communication, leadership and programming skills; Camp Fundale, a facility for children ages 6-18 with multi-handicaps; a gymnastics camp for 7 to 15-year-olds of all abilities; and Snoopy's in-training camp, a half-day program for 2 to 3½-year-olds.

These will be added to an established counselor-in-training program; an arts village concept designed for children inclined to cultural and artistic pursuits; several sports camps offering instruction in tennis, basketball, soccer, softball and floor hockey; and two less specialized facilities for campers from 3½ to 13-years-old.

Overall, the facilities — each of them day camps — are expected to service over 1,000 children this summer, ranging in age from 2-to 18, under the instruction of about 200 staffers — many of whom are specialists in their respective fields.

As well, Zynoberg and camp registrar Donna Steinberg are available (call 636-1880) to discuss programs and help parents and children identify options that most adequately meet their needs. The JCC also offers a scholarship program to aid those who may otherwise be turned away due to a lack of funds.

Despite the variety of programs, though, Zynoberg says that whatever JCC camp children enter, they will find certain similarities.

"There are two main themes to our camping philosophy," he says. "First of all, we are interested in getting the kids in touch with the natural environment in a way they can identify with.

"Second, we want to make children aware of Judaism and Jewish culture, customs and traditions. But we want it to be through experiential learning without proselytizing or forcing Judaism on them.

"Our philosophy is to offer something for everyone — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or even non-Jew. We want to present Judaism in an enjoyable way, emphasizing the universal values contained in it — in a way that non-Jewish kids can recognize those shared values. We try to give the children — through a variety of social and recreational activities — the opportunity to learn a sense of fellowship in other people.

"But most of all," Zynoberg concludes, "we want the children to enjoy themselves and have fun."

Which only goes to show that some things never change.

Program set for Refuseniks

TORONTO —

On March 7, two Toronto organizations will launch a week-long program on behalf of families in the Soviet Union who are separated from relatives in Israel.

At an 8 p.m. reception at Council House, 4700 Bathurst Street, the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section and the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, will initiate a campaign to send Passover greeting cards to long-term Refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion in the USSR.

MP Jim Peterson, chairman of the parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry, will send a greeting card to Vladimir Tsukerman, the Refusenik he has adopted. Every one of the 209 committee members has pledged to participate in the Adopt-a-Refusenik program of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Peterson will report on his recent visit to more than 70 Refusenik families in Leningrad and Moscow as part of an all-party delegation, and a film, The Last Journey, will be shown.

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Montreal's Jews look to their future

Report advises major changes in communal life

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Major changes in the way Montreal Jews conduct their communal life, in view of their reduced numbers and shrinking financial resources, are recommended in the final report of the Long-Range Planning Committee of Allied Jewish Community Services.

After two years of research and deliberations, the committee has come to the conclusion that an "urgent" situation presently exists and that it is crucial that steps be taken immediately to guarantee the future viability of the Montreal Jewish community. Entitled The Communal Challenge, the 83-page report proposes a plan of action for "the critical next five years."

"The Communal Challenge becomes a symbolic gauntlet which is thrown down not only for AJCS, but for the entire Jewish community of Montreal. We urge that this report become an action document, not merely another lengthy report gathering dust on the shelf," says the report.

The report is not an official AJCS document.

The Committee, co-chaired by Hillel Becker and Henri Bybelezer, has subcommittees on community cohensiveness, the family, young adults, the aged, and fiscal capacity. The report cites the following facts about the Montreal Jewish community, based on the 1981 Canadian census data:

— Within 10 years, the population has declined 11% to 101,365.

— Over 20% is senior citizens; young adults 14 to 34 have fallen in number by 22% since 1971; and the "economically active" 35- to 49-year-olds have decreased by a dramatic 30%.

— 70% of Montreal Jewish families have one child or less (do not replace themselves).

Other important changes in the composition of the community are an increase in single parent families, in persons whose mother tongue is not English, and in those working in semi-skilled or unskilled occupations.

The report calls for an end to the "laissez-faire" approach to running the community and stresses the need for greater coordination among all organizations in setting priorities for the use of resources. "The concept of communal interdependence is vital to understanding the long-range planning process and the recommendations it suggests," says the report.

A stronger leadership role and broader mandate for AJCS is recommended. AJCS should "assert its tacitly-recognized position of 'primus inter pare' (first among equals) within the organized Jewish community.

"AJCS must nurture a general acknowledgement of its leadership, and its role as a federation equipped and endowed with the ability to both reflect and represent the collective needs and views of the Montreal Jewish community both internally and to the external world," the report states.

The report stresses the recognition by the total Jewish population, cutting across the community's cultural, religious, organizational, economic and other segments, of AJCS as a "central authority" in community planning, as well as fund raising and distribution.

By the same token, it speaks of "encouraging input on policy formulation from all quarters and viewpoints within the community," including "aggressively reaching out to groups on the periphery."

AJCS should be able to communicate to government the community's position on public policy, says the report. "This is not to suggest that AJCS should usurp the crucial role of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"It is merely a recognition that the ongoing, practical relationships between government, AJCS and its agencies require a mechanism to coordinate and formalize such governmental communication."

It is suggested that CJC, Quebec Region, "as a constituent agency of AJCS, should be actively involved in the government relations structure created within AJCS."

The report stresses the need for avoiding the tendency toward "crisis management" of community affairs. It recommends the creation of Service Planning Councils responsible for evaluating needs in such target areas as youth and young adults, the family and leisure time and culture, in addition to the existing councils on aging, Jewish education and Jewish public establishments.

It also suggests the establishment of a permanent long-ranging planning committee within AJCS.

"We are a community that can no longer afford artifical separations or duplication of effort. The long agenda of concerns, common to all Jewish institutions and organizations, to the synagogues, to AJCS, to CJC and to the membership organizations, will require joint efforts to identify our common interests, pull our resources together, and to pursue joint strategies towards our objectives.

"Survival of our Jewish community will depend on our success in doing so," the report states.

It says that "a financial catastrophe" may befall the Montreal community unless action is taken now. It estimates that the shortfall in Combined Jewish Appeal funds available for local needs could range between $1.8 million and $5.2 million within five years, and those figures are based solely on the increased costs for existing programs and does not include the cost of any of the new ones suggested in the report.

To avoid such a situation, the report says more money can be raised from within and without the community. The Jewish community contributes approximately $50 million a year to Jewish and charitable causes; in 1982, less than 50% of it was contributed to CJA.

CJA should operate 12 months a year, according to the report, to involve the entire community in the campaign. Family and corporate foundations and government grants — municipal, provincial and federal — should be viewed as increasingly important sources of funds for local needs. Agencies could generate more revenue by increasing fees to users or recipients of services, and by encouraging volunteerism.

To maintain a Jewish community in Montreal, the report goes so far as to recommend activities to bring together young adults seeking marriage partners and encouraging newlyweds to raise families.

Actively seeking immigrants to Quebec is another strategy mentioned to increase the Jewish population.

The report places a high priority on improving services to youth and young adults that will encourage them to remain in Montreal. These services should include counseling, vocational guidance, leisure time activities, and those aimed at strengthening Jewish values. More involvement in the community and its decision-making by young adults is urged.

Services to the aged in the future should shift emphasis to family support and preventive health programs and institutional care should be regarded as a last resort. The report also points to the need to improve our image of the elderly and to increase their participation in community life.

AWARD FOR SILBERS

Shimon Peres, official leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party, 2nd from right, was the keynote speaker at a State of Israel Bonds reception hosted by Allan and Hilda Silber, left. Peres presented the Silbers with the Prime Minister's Club award for their commitment and dedication to the Jewish state. Taking part is Toronto general campaign chairman Alex Grossman. [Dave Whittaker photo]

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Shul must be spiritual home away from home

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — If the synagogue learns to respond to the changing needs of the present-day Jewish community, it will not only survive but grow and be strong for the 80s and the 90s and into the 21st century. This is the prediction of the president of United Synagogues of America.

Marshall Wolke of River Forest, Ill., was in Hamilton to address the United Synagogues of America, Ontario Region board of delegates meeting, the first to be held here at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Chairman of the meeting was Ruth Bass of Toronto, president, United Synagogues of America, Ontario Region, and others to address the assembly included past president Marvin Miller of Toronto; USY executive director Shirley Kumove; Marvin Rosenshein, president, and Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob congregation, and executive director Rabbi Jerome Epstein of New York, who presented a slide show of the services and programs offered by United Synagogues of America.

He was speaking about synagogues in general, said Wolke, not only about what is happening in the Conservative synagogue "but in all three persuasions."

In the past two decades, the Jewish community has undergone a radical transformation, with shifts in the balance and social structure, budgetary constraints, demands for new liturgical forms as well as the new make-up of the congregation... with its "very large segment of converts, singles, single parents, mixed marriages and a very large group of senior adults... and it is clear, that the institutional structure of the synagogue has to be rethought from the beginning."

At the same time, Wolke would like to see the synagogue return to its original concept of a house of worship, study and assembly.

In one's grandfather's day one went to shul because one was a Jew, said Polish-born Wolke, who came to the U.S. in 1937, studied at Northwestern University in Chicago, rose to the rank of captain while serving with U.S. military intelligence in France during World War II and is now the owner of a chain of department stores in the Chicago area.

Times changed and the new generation "went to shul to become a Jew," continued Wolke. "But you know what," he added, "something new has happened on the Jewish scene: our young people come to shul to daven!"

We must also begin to transform our synagogue into a place where our members can study and it should not merely be a school for young people.

"A Hebrew school is an institution of its own," he declared. "The way to become Jews is not through what our children teach us (but) our children become Jews when they come from educated, observant Jewish families."

The house of assembly has also changed and for too long, said Wolke, "we have made our synagogue into an impersonal place which has ceased to be an extension of our family life, a home away from home. The time has come for the lay person to be interested not only in the administration of the synagogue but to be involved in the spirit and the life of the shul."

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Convert can teach us much

Knee-jerk reactions get ironic twist in Avery's tales

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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Singing Rabbi — by Martin Avery, Oberon $8.95 [Paperbound]

The author of this slender volume of eight brief stories is a Jew by conviction rather than birth. His tone is ironic, witty and impressionistic as he approaches such subjects as a Holocaust remembrance service, a street demonstration on behalf of Soviet Jewry, the influence of a Jewish comedienne on his psyche and the State of Israel as contrasted with northern Ontario.

What lends meaning and intensity to these vignettes, tales and protracted anecdotes is that Avery, the convert to Judaism, the sophisticated and satirical onlooker, views and describes familiar events in a new light. He skillfully strips away the illusions and knee-jerk emotional reactions of those who unthinkingly and routinely celebrate the obvious.

The Holocaust Remembrance Service depicts the irritation and restlessness of a concentration camp survivor who is forced to listen to the unctious banalities of a long-winded rabbi and the witless poetic maunderings of a rock-and-roll singer.

When Mania leaves the Beth Hatfutzot Synagogue in the town of Diaspora she wonders why she did not spit at the rabbi rather than compliment him for his speech and shake his hand.

It occurs to her that perhaps the best way to observe a day of remembrance would be with silence: "No more tributes to Hitler on the anniversaries of his disgusting accomplishments. There should be a lot of silence. One minute for each of the six million, perhaps. Yes, Mania said to herself. Six million minutes of silence from everyone in the world."

Soviet Jewelry is more sardonic anecdote than story. A Russian woman refugee exhorts a rally on behalf of Soviet Jews to sing and dance. Her husband, lost in the crowd, a jeweler by trade, is concerned that his wife will be apprehended by the police.

In a dramatic vision he sees her handcuffed and led away. Suddenly the thought overcomes him that "handcuffs could be just the thing for the North American marketplace . . . they could take off, become a fad, sell like hot-cakes, and make him, Victor Mandelstram, as rich as the men he had dreamed of becoming all that time he had lived in Russia, planning his escape."

In The Canadian Diaspora the Rev. Burns, minister of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, discovers in a startling manner that he is a Jew. The story's surprise ending is skillfully presaged by a description of a young Christian girl who had posed as a Jew for many years and was a devoted student of Jewish lore and learning. Her death and the shocking revelation that comes to Burns are deftly tied together.

The title story is about the redoubtable singing Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. Avery relates one of his (Carlebach's) parables in which the truth is revealed that "the greatest thing in the world is to do someone else a favor." He determines to collect all of the rabbi's wonderful stories.

But where is he to be located? He is as elusive as the air and as evanescent as the dew. "For over two months now, I have been leaving messages, calling back, taking down new phone numbers, talking to the international telephone operator, running up horrendous bills. New York, San Francisco, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Zurich, Buenos Aires.

It's like trying to place a person-to-person call to a character in one of Singer's stories. Mammish. It's a gevalt. Where has he gone?"

Avery, now a resident of Toronto, grew up in Gravenhurst and his first book of stories Cottage Gothic, dealt largely with the environment of his youth. The Singing Rabbi will add to his stature and reputation.

But what we await in his future work is material more substantial and sustained and characters more fully developed. He has much to teach us about the absurdities and insensitivities of Jewish communal life — its misplaced emotions and unproved assumptions.

Director keeps Broadway touch

Annie! reflects Dirty Thirties

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The best thing about Annie! is that it recreates authentically the spirit and tone of U.S. politics in the dirty 30's, in the era of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal. Since that period was just as familiar to Canadians, it does not suffer in its passage across the border.

Annie! is playing at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, its run extended to March 31.

The authors of Annie! have succeeded in transferring the famous comic strip characters to the stage in combination with the best elements of lush Broadway musicals in its style of acting, singing and dancing. Though it is a cut-down version, Director Adolf Toman has maintained these qualities in the Limelight production and its values are never skimpy.

For this reviewer, Annie! was at its best in the Hooverville and Fully Dressed numbers, which, though not germaine to the main plot, reflect the spirit of the times in lyrics that are catchy and genuine.

Lisa Turina [left] and Barbara Redpath, shown here with Mickey Finn [Sandy] and Scott Weber, star in the Limelight Dinner Theatre production of Annie!

In Hooverville, the unemployed sing songs that presage a political move to the left, and the Robert Ainslie directed choreography is as sharp as if it was Chorus Line.

The cast, in most instances, is a strong one. Annie, played alternately by Lisa Turina and Barbara Redpath, and "Daddy" Warbucks, by William Copeland, establish a bond between themselves and the audience.

Peggy Mahon is suitably hateful as Miss Hannigan who runs the orphanage, and Jane Malton, as "Daddy's" secretary, has an elegant style and great voice.

James Hobson plays FDR with suave aplomb.

The set design is an ingenious one, [it even includes a moving sidewalk] but one flaw is the awkward entrances and exits it requires when actors arrive or leave the orphanage. Musical Director Nicholas Seiflow and his musicians provide strong support. But the main credit must go to the overall production values.

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Arts

Sculptor kept talent under wraps for 15 years

Applebaum articulates emotions as she shapes stone

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Although Ruth Devor Applebaum has been sculpting for 18 years, she turned professional only three years ago when other professional sculptors accused her of being selfish by keeping her work to herself.

She had attended several art schools in Toronto and decided to treat herself to a month's stay at the famed art institute in San Miguel, Mexico where professional artists and sculptors from around the world come to study, reflect, mingle and work.

"I received this terrific reaction from the professionals there," Applebaum recalls. "But when I came home, I still had to psyche myself up to start selling my work."

Her first venture was during the annual City Hall Art Show three years ago, where she exhibited her work without any prices marked. "I didn't know what to ask," she confesses. That was in early summer. Before that season ended, she was asked to participate in a juried show at the O'Keefe Centre and has been in several other juried shows since.

Applebaum works mainly in stone, chipping away until she achieves the shape and design only she can see in the raw, unformed mass. She's constantly on the prowl for interesting stone and picks up pieces wherever she travels.

"When we were in Israel, I decided that I wanted to get some Jerusalem stone to work on at home," the sculptor recalls. "Someone showed me where to get it; it's really easy to obtain. The difficult part was arranging to ship it. My husband helped me box the stones and we went to the post office and then were directed to another office and then back again.

"My husband tired of shlepping the box around and left it in front of the post office for a few minutes. When he finally found me inside with one of the agents, a policeman ran in and asked if we had left a parcel outside. We ran out and found the entire area cordoned off, with the bomb squad en route to check out the box. We had completely forgotten that, in Israel, any left parcel might contain a bomb.

"We finally completed the arrangements, though, and I have the stone here . . . happily."

Applebaum's studio is in the basement of her Forest Hill home. While the area is compact and crowded with stones, sanders and polishers, everything is neatly in its special place. "I can't work in clutter," she confesses.

Sculptor Ruth Devor Applebaum

Selections of her work can be found throughout the house and there are certain pieces she vows never to sell. One such piece sits in her living room. It is an alabaster rose, sitting on a piece of glass; each petal is a miniature sculpture in itself. Applebaum worked on this one piece for two years.

"Sculpting is my whole life," Applebaum says matter-of-factly, standing in her dining room. "I put a little of me in every piece I do. I've always been a very private person and not very good at articulating my emotions. I believe that sculpting has become my way of doing so."

Although she does many large pieces and plans to do even more in the future, it was her miniatures that attracted attention at her City Hall exhibits. (Since her first outing, Applebaum has participated in these shows annually.) Mainly out of alabaster, some of the miniatures are encased in lucite and others are mounted on stands. Each one is a bit of perfection and can easily be held in the hand.

Applebaum's insistence on perfection is evident in all her work. If something isn't perfect enough, she'll discard or redo it until it meets her very critical standards.

Except for the mounting, she does all the work herself and doesn't speak highly of those sculptors who permit the mounter to do the final sanding and finishing of their pieces. Lately, she's even taken to mounting her works herself. She has the mounter prepare the base, but she puts it all together.

Incidentally, Applebaum recommends that some enterprising person take up sculpture mounting. There's only one source in Toronto and he has far more work than he can handle.

As Applebaum moves through her home, showing her various pieces, she tells stories about each one, about the stones from which they've been created and how and where she obtained them . . . the Italian alabaster, Quebec serpentine, the various marbles. Her joy in the beauty she's created is evident.

"I think the world is often a very cold and ugly place," she says, "and I like to feel that, in my small way, I'm upholding beauty in the face of a world which often insults it."

While growing up in St. Catharines, her ambition was to leave the somewhat confining smalltown atmosphere of her Orthodox home. She reveled in the opportunity to move to Toronto, to be near her married sister and enjoy a taste of freedom. But she never envisioned herself as anything but a wife and mother.

She has achieved that goal and has a loving family of a husband, two daughters and a son, some of whom she's used as models and all of whom have favorites among her work. Her 9-year-old son literally cried recently when one of "his" pieces, a small work entitled "man in the moon," was sold as a wedding gift.

Not yet affiliated with a gallery, Applebaum has been selling her work directly. But she feels that she's now ready to work through a dealer.

"I like to sell the work myself, because I like to meet the person who'll be living with it," she says. "And I'm happy that I've been able to work at my own pace, without having to rush pieces through for a showing. But I have a quantity of pieces to start with now and I feel confident that I can still create as many or as few pieces as I'd like even when working with a dealer."

Anyone interested in seeing Ruth Devor Applebaum's work before it goes into a gallery or the next juried show she's invited to enter, may reach her at (416) 482-4304.

Young Vic veteran new Shaw Festival associate director

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont. — Denise Coffey has been appointed associate director of the Shaw Festival, artistic director Christopher Newton has announced. She joins other associate directors Christopher Banks, Heath Lamberts, Cameron Porteous, Paul Reynolds and Camilla Ross.

Coffey, who last season directed Shaw's The Simpleton of The Unexpected Isles and Noel Coward's Private Lives, was born in Aldershot, England and resides in London, England.

Her extensive directing credits include opera and a wide range of theatre, from Shakespeare, Shaw and Wilde to pioneering new plays for the Scottish Youth Theatre.

Coffey was a former associate director of the Young Vic Company and her widely acclaimed production of Pygmalion completed a nationwide tour of the United Kingdom.

The Shaw Festival also announced the installation of a new and innovative system in all its theatres to enable the hearing impaired to enjoy the full spectrum of sound during performances at the Festival. It is known as the Phonic Ear system of wireless FM sound.

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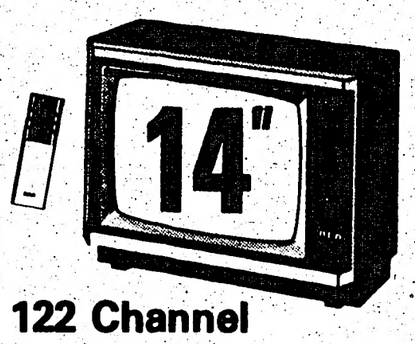

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Arts

Happy designing costumes

Chiropractor turns back on bones for world of beauty

By
RON ARATO

TORONTO —
When Ron Rodda gave up a lucrative chiropractic practice to study costume design at Seneca College, he knew he was taking a big chance. But for Rodda, who has always been fascinated by the world of the theatre, it was a chance well worth taking.

"I wanted to design costumes rather than fashion," Rodda said at a performance of Fallen Angels performed recently at Theatre Malton, the first production for which he has had full costuming responsibility.

Not bad for a man who only graduated from a design course last June. The road to costume design is not an easy one. After a 2-year course in which the student learns every aspect of fashion design — from cutting a pattern to draping and sewing a garment, and finally, creating his own original designs — the new designer may be hired as a cutter or presser to assist in a costume department. To get one's own production is quite a coup and Rodda is well aware of his good luck.

As with most opportunities, the chance to design the costumes for Fallen Angels came about almost by accident. Rodda was working on a production of Camino Real by Tennessee Williams at the Harbourfront Theatre when a cast member recommended him to Jamie Grant of Theatre Malton.

When Grant and Rodda got together, Grant liked what he saw. "I realized this was a very talented man," he said. "I knew he was on his way up and I figured that in a few years, we won't be able to afford him."

Rodda started working on the production with only two weeks remaining until opening night. But, given this short time frame and a very limited budget, he's managed to work wonders and fashion costumes that underscore the wacky elegance that is the essence of Noel Coward.

"This play isn't produced very often," said Rodda. "It's a shame, because it's a good one. It's a farce and I wanted to use the costumes to accent the broad use of physical action by the characters. I think the second act was the best. The women move around a lot. I wanted to make them look good, yet give them sufficient freedom of motion."

Rodda's garments work well, especially in that second act which opens with the two women awaiting the arrival of an old flame from their flamboyant single days. Their shimmering evening gowns offer a perfect contrast to director Gerry Pearson's stark blue and white art deco set.

"At our Friday night performance, the audience stood up and applauded the costumes," said Grant. "That doesn't happen very often and it was terrific to see."

For Rodda, the experience of having complete control over an entire production has been a heady one. "I know I'm lucky," he said. "Some people wait years for an opportunity like this."

What's next on the agenda? Rodda doesn't know yet, but the possibilities are many. He'd like to do some more period work. "Something with Roman togas or Elizabethan dress would be nice," he said.

In the meantime, Rodda will bask in the success of Fallen Angels while he waits for the next big break. And, according to Grant and the cast of Angels, that break is something that shouldn't be too far away.

Jennifer McCullough and Evelyn Ross in costumes by Ron Rodda.

Familiar face on TV

Bored clerk hosts new show

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Marla Lukofsky has left her jobs as a law clerk and secretary behind and opted for a full life in show business. The petite entertainer, who grew up on Wenderly Dr. in the Marlee-Dufferin area, is hosting and starring in a new show, That's Variety, at Basin Street Cabaret for an indefinite run.

"I wanted to go to auditions in the daytime without feeling guilty about neglecting my job," said Lukofsky, explaining why she crossed the great divide. The singer-comedienne-impressionist has been performing in night clubs since she was 16. "I never turned down a performing job in my life," she said, proudly.

Lukofsky is the daughter of Ruth and Lou Lukofsky, attending Danesbury public school, C. P. Parsons Jr. High school, and finishing a 5-year course at Bathurst Heights high school.

She took a 2-year law clerk program at Seneca College and worked in that field for two years before switching to a job as a secretary for a paper box company. "I couldn't hack it (law clerking) any more. It was very boring."

She thinks one of the reasons she headed into the performing life is that, as a child, she spent a lot of time playing alone, providing her own entertainment with mind games.

Lukofsky has performed in many of the best known cabarets in town and is well known to TV viewers for her parts in Wintario ("It's a blast") and Mother Parker's Coffee commercials. She has had parts in two movies.

Marla Lukofsky

Although she is "very comfortable" with her new role as a hostess of That's Variety, Lukofsky is determined not to give up the performing side of her career. In the current show, she does brief imitations of Barbra Streisand, Joan Rivers, Lauren Bacall and Bette Midler, and some other good, short bits. One of her best is as a mannequin in the different settings of Eaton's, Creeds and Zellers.

Her ambition is to play the role of Fanny Brice in Funny Girl and to have her own TV show.

That's Variety is a full evening of entertainment, including a classical singer and harpist, a ventriloquist, a magician, the juggling team of Circus Shmirkus, and best of all, a tall, skinny singer and comedian named Tony Mason.

Mason appears headed for stardom. He has an amazing change of pace, and as he leaps around the stage, you almost expect him to break in two.

His one-liners are good. "You want to see excitement, run into the Basin Street kitchen and yell 'Immigration.'" Or, "You want to drink a pile driver, try combining vodka and Preparation H."

His talent as an actor and singer was evident in his performance of a moving song on retirement from Studs Terkel's show, Working.

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Chava Alberstein booked for U of T

Israeli balladeer will show her many musical faces

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Chava Alberstein, performing at U of T Convocation Hall March 10, is one of the greatest cabaret singers of our generation. While best-known here as a superb contemporary - Israeli and Yiddish-folk balladeer, she is also a top jazz stylist and torch chanteuse. Her long, distinguished career has touched upon all these bases worth briefly recounting here.

On the same album which featured Loo y'Hee, Naomi Shemer's plea for peace following the Yom Kippur War, she also included three other songs which rank among the greatest pop classics anywhere during the past twenty years:

Naomi Shemer's fast, avantgarde whole-tone A Song is Born, Danny Litani-Dan Almagor's powerful jazz-rocker Volcano, symbolizing Israel's attachment to its land despite the periodic Mideast turmoil, and the truly original chord-progressions of Matti Caspi-Yoram Tehar-Lev's bittersweet Turn the Grapes into Wine.

Another album features Chava with the Platina quartet, which, under Russian emigre flautist Roman Kunzman, was one of the most exciting jazz groups to emerge anywhere at anytime.

Another Shemer song, The Seventh Sin, rivals the best of Piaf. In a totally different vein, Chava is one of the world's most sensitive children-oriented singers, and her album contains many child-oriented numbers. And she remains perhaps the leading Yiddishist-musical anthologist of the post-Holocaust generation.

To sum up, Chava Alberstein exemplifies the immense richness of the contemporary Jewish musical tradition. Although she has performed in Toronto three times before during the last 10 years, each new live performance by her is a totally fresh experience.

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Soviet-backed "red terror" seems to be a focal point of attack in the National Ballet's O'Keefe Centre performance of Danny Grossman's epic anti-war dance piece "Endangered Species," which adapts just as well to the large stage as to the small stages of before.

The crazy, ragged fanatics racing across stage, hoisting up the red flag, evoke the spirit of the PLO, the Red Brigade and their comrades-in-arms around the world. They alternate between anarchy and the goon-discipline of the goose-step, which, like the German Nazi right-wing regime of days gone by, is now the military-drill trademark of the Soviet left-wing regime of today which sponsors all these groups.

Grossman's National Ballet version of Endangered Species most correctly illustrates what is at least as much a possible catalyst to atomic holocaust as is the traditional Day After scenario of above-the-board superpower all-out missile shootout: the possibility that such terrorist fanatics will one day obtain the bomb.

Again, many congratulations to Erik Bruhn for including this important work in the National Ballet's repertoire.

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Steve Reich, the New York-based composer who has elevated the style of repetition of short melodic and rhythmic patterns from its Balinese and American funk [specifically James Brown] roots to that of America's leading contemporary serious music trend, remains a large cut above his several imitators.

While the imitators remain bogged down in the rut of mechanistic adherence to style, Reich uses this style as a means towards greater creative ends. Thus his most recent works, exemplified by the Canadian premiere of Vermont Counterpoint, performed by Robert Aitken at Hart House Feb. 19, courtesy of New Music Concerts, attain new, innovative melodic heights.

Scored for three alto flutes, three regular flutes and three piccolos (which master flautist Aitken taped, over which he added a live solo line), Vermont Counterpoint is an ethereally hypnotic piece with considerable rhythmic and melodic variation.

Reich has composed at least one major Jewish-theme work: the result of his scholarly research into traditional chanting of Hebrew Scriptures during 1976-77 in New York and Jerusalem. If New Music Concerts does not soon present this composition in Toronto, the Jewish communal institutions here definitely should.

Love becomes better, funnier in Second Time Around offering

TORONTO —

As the old song says, love is lovelier the second time around. And in the case of Henry Denker's play Second Time Around love is also funnier.

Or so the people at the Leah Posluns Theatre hope.

Denker's durable story of love and liberation in the twilight years first opened on Broadway with Molly Picon and Hans Conreid playing the lead roles of Laura and Samuel, a pair of over-60 lovebirds who shock their grown children by announcing that they have fallen in love and are going to live together . . . without getting married.

After numerous subsequent stage revivals and a screen version of Second Time Around, the romantic comedy with a twist of Geritol comes to the Leah Posluns (March 1-24) as the third Denker vehicle to reach the LPT stage — having been preceeded by A Far Country and Horowitz and Mrs. Washington.

The Leah Posluns production, directed and designed by LPT artistic director Reva Stern-Tward, stars local veteran actors Helen Hughes and Antony Parr as Laura and Samuel.

Besides having extensive film, TV and stage appearances to their credit, Hughes and Parr have worked together before — most recently playing husband and wife in The Hairdresser, a First Choice Pay-TV movie pilot, and in The Promise, a segment of the CITY-TV Toronto trilogy contest scheduled to air on March 25.

They will get support from Pam Hyatt and Terrence Slater, starring as the befuddled children, and Paul Persofsky and Marsha Nicols.

Regular evening performances of Second Time Around take place at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

For more information, call the LPT box office at 630-6752. Tickets are also available through BASS.

It's a clean victory for Talking Dirty

TORONTO —

Vancouver playwright Sherman Snukal has received the 1983 Chalmers Canadian Play Award for his hit play, Talking Dirty.

The $5,000 award is presented annually to an outstanding Canadian play performed in the Toronto area.

Three years ago Snukal, a native of Winnipeg's north end, was a struggling writer supporting himself with jobs ranging from working as a gill netter on a fishing boat to selling clothes.

His break came in 1981 when the Vancouver Arts Club Theatre decided to stage Talking Dirty. It soon became a local hit and ran for 15 months. Since then the play has done better at the box office than 95% of other Canadian plays.

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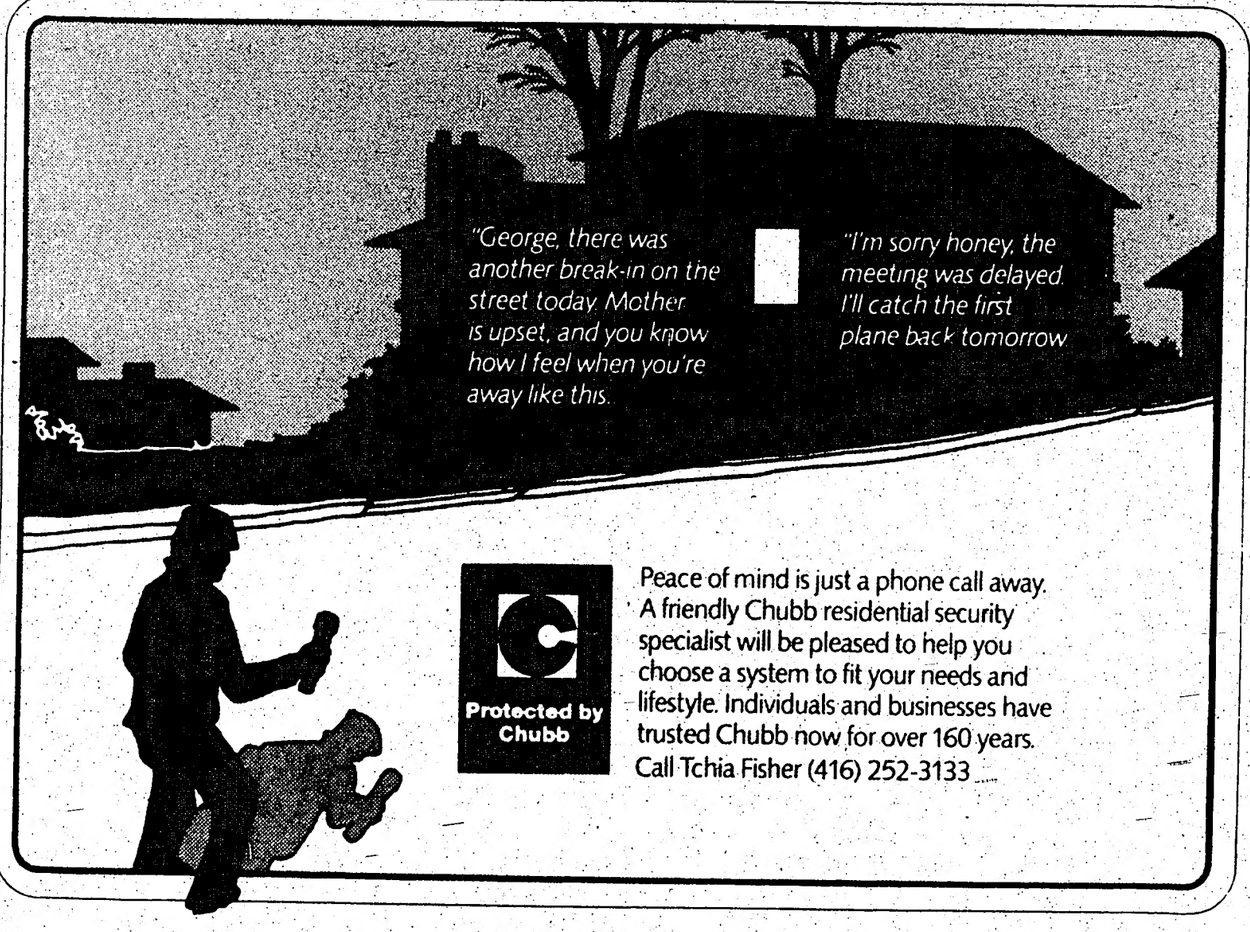
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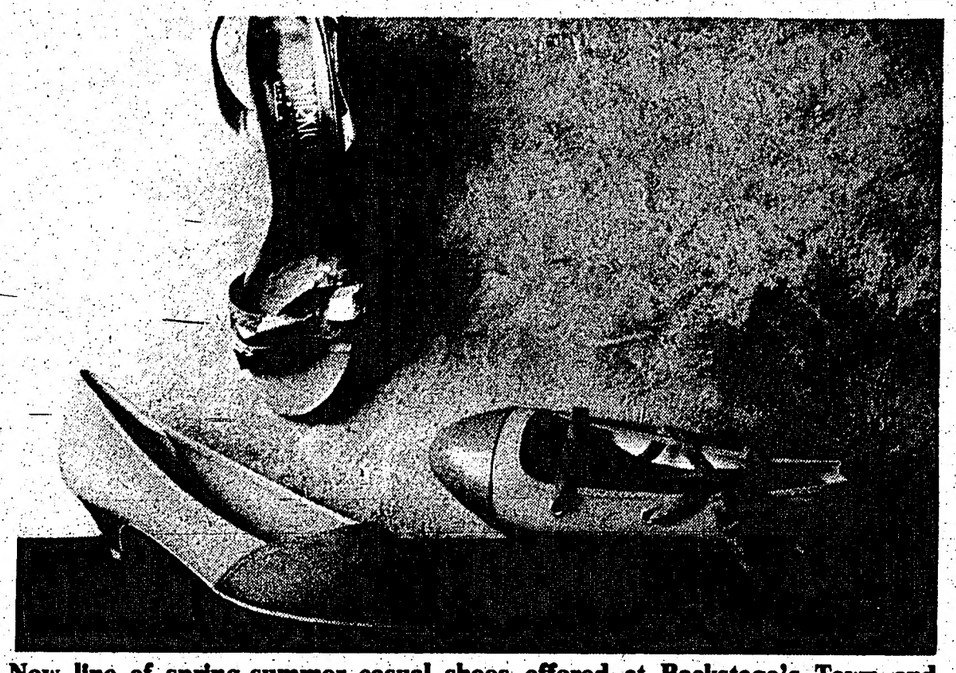

New line of spring-summer casual shoes offered at Backstage's Town and Country Square store.

High fashion shoes on display

Exclusive bodywear featured at Backstage

TORONTO —

Backstage, a Toronto clothing store with special focus on bodywear, legwear and dance footwear has opened its doors at the recently renovated Towne and Country Square.

Due to the efforts of owners David, Lorne, and Alan Markowitz and the support of buyer Faye Markowitz and controller Ilana Markowitz, this latest Backstage opening marks the expansion of Markio Design Inc.

Markio Design Inc. operates three Capezio stores (Bayview Village Centre, The Eaton Centre, 70 Bloor St. W.) and one Backstage outlet (Bayview Village Centre).

The new Backstage operation carries an exclusive bodywear collection of cotton/spandex leotards, unitards and suspender suits and a full line of imported designer leotards, tights, and bathing suits.

There is also fashion legwear — hosiery bar, hot socks, leg warmers, color co-ordinated belts, glasses and headbands, as well as loose unstructured hobo and gym bags in a multitude of shapes, colors, sizes and fabrics such as plastic and rubber.

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Complexities of formalwear confuse most people

Fashion authority SAUL KORMAN reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers to Gentlemen, in Toronto.

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Maybe I shouldn't say it, but I really resent some doctors' attitudes. You know the scene — you're at a party, someone asks the doctor standing next to you about a medical problem and he or she responds with something like:

"If you want my professional opinion, make an appointment with my office — I don't give free consultations."

The way I'm led to understand it, doctors feel that all the years of study they put into their accreditation necessitate reimbursement for every pearl of wisdom they let drop later.

As far as I know, no other professional type demands such explation from the world at large, just because their job entails a greater wealth of responsibilities or a higher degree of education.

And far from resenting sociable enquiries concerning their businesses, most people appreciate being asked for their professional opinions: a chartered accountant can be quizzed on tax structures, a college professor on teaching techniques, a homemaker on cooking tips.

Everyone has at least one area of expertise that they're more than happy to share with others, and I'm no exception to that rule.

In addition to radio and television appearances, a weekly column in the **Globe & Mail**, magazine and newspaper articles, like this one, I've probably answered more personal queries at parties than any doctor could possibly imagine.

After all, everyone, including doctors, has an interest in fashion and good grooming.

If I'm at a party, I'm invariably asked about correct party attire, particularly if it's a formal affair. Most people are confused by the complexities of formalwear — the do's and don'ts of dressing, if you will.

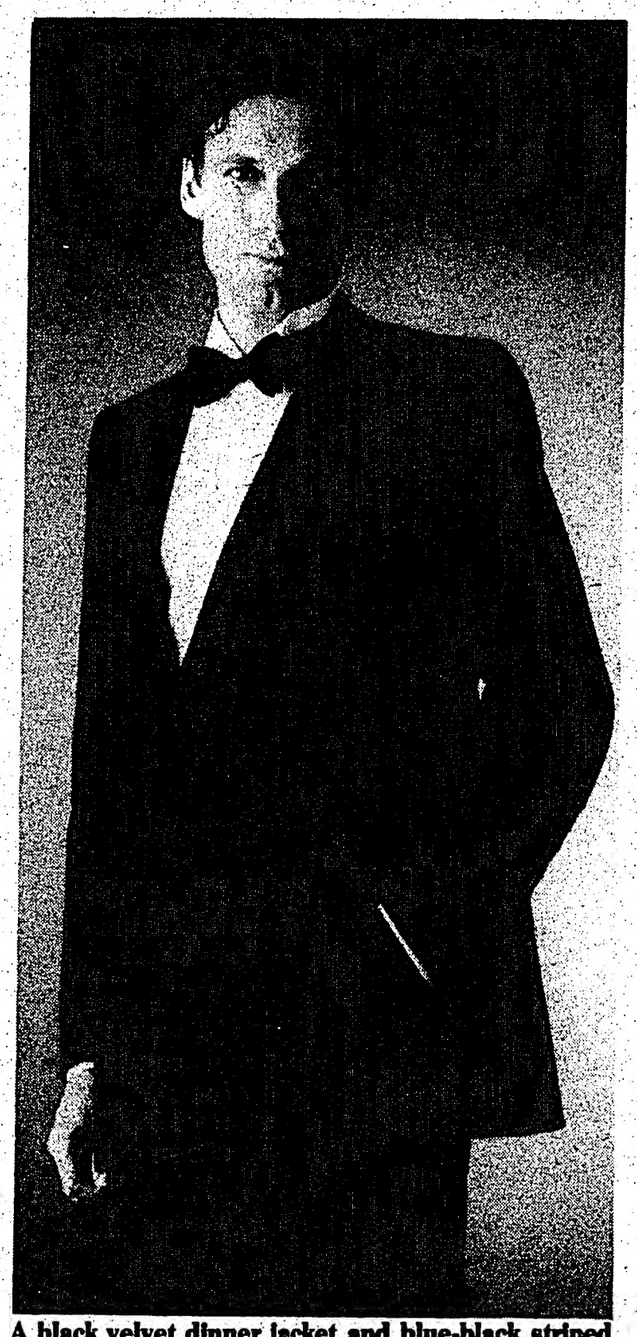
I usually respond that it first depends on how formal the function will be and at what time of day it will be held.

If the invitation is for, say, a morning wedding, I'd recommend wearing something dark — a 3-piece navy gabardine suit is always a good choice. Accessories should be elegant and understated — a burgundy silk tie and puff set against a plain white shirt, highlighted by a gold collar bar and cufflinks.

If you are to be part of the wedding party, a morning suit consisting of grey cutaway coat, vest, ascot and pinstripe trousers is the traditional mode. The most important rule to remember here is to never equate a daytime invitation with informal dress. Loud colours or sport jackets simply do not pay justice to the solemnity of such an occasion, while dignified refinement is never out of place.

A formal evening affair — wedding, bar mitzvah, etc. — should require white tie and tails, however this dictum has been relaxed over the years to include black tie and tuxedo. White tie styles have changed little in the last hundred years, but tuxedos can present quite a problem to the unititiated.

Most of us are still recovering from the incredible deformities in tuxedo fashions which raged through the 1970's. Then, the average man was bombarded with suits in every shade of color, shirts with (God help us!) colored frills, huge velvet lapels and equally gross clip-on bow ties. Thankfully, with the advent of the '80's, this particular nightmare is finally over.



A black velvet dinner jacket and blue-black striped ottoman waistcoat present a subtle twist on the classic style without becoming unduly daring.

Today's tuxedo has returned to the quiet refinements of the past. Suitings are now of the finest wool cloth, rigidly black, with no more than three inches of silk-trimmed lapels. A plain bib front shirt with wing collar and French cuffs sets it off well, especially when complimented by pearl studs and a grosgrain silk bow tie. Naturally, black patent slip-on shoes and silk socks are an absolute.

I generally recommend that men consider purchasing their own tuxedo instead of renting. It's essential to have a perfect fit, and a lot easier on the wallet in the long run.

However, if you're looking to get more 'mileage' out of your tux, the next best thing is an invention of my own that I facetiously call the "tuxless tux." It's a suit made of black Barathea cloth and fitted with detachable satin lapels.

For a formal evening out, adding a black bow tie turns it into a tux; remove the lapels and it's back to elegant businesswear. I can't think of a better way to economize and keep looking great.

A note on bar mitzvahs and Passover — both being important religious functions, it is paramount to show the proper respect. If you're invited to someone's home for the Seder, you don't have to dress up, just ensure that what you're wearing is dignified enough to suit the occasion: a quiet sports jacket and dress trousers will do; ultra-casual clothes is a definite faux pas.

I feel it's very important to set this good example for the children to follow in later years, although I'm sorry to say I know of a few adults who could use this timely reminder.

Another way to set a good example is to take your son along with you when you shop for his and your bar mitzvah formalwear. Co-ordinating or even matching your outfit with his can be fun and you can take this opportunity to direct his unformed tastes along suitable lines, but be sure you give your son plenty of input into the final selection.

As his first real "grown-up" decision, you can help turn this into one of those special moments of sharing you'll remember for the rest of your life.

One final piece of advice — if you're ever uncertain as to the correct attire required for a particualr function, don't guess — ask your host beforehand.

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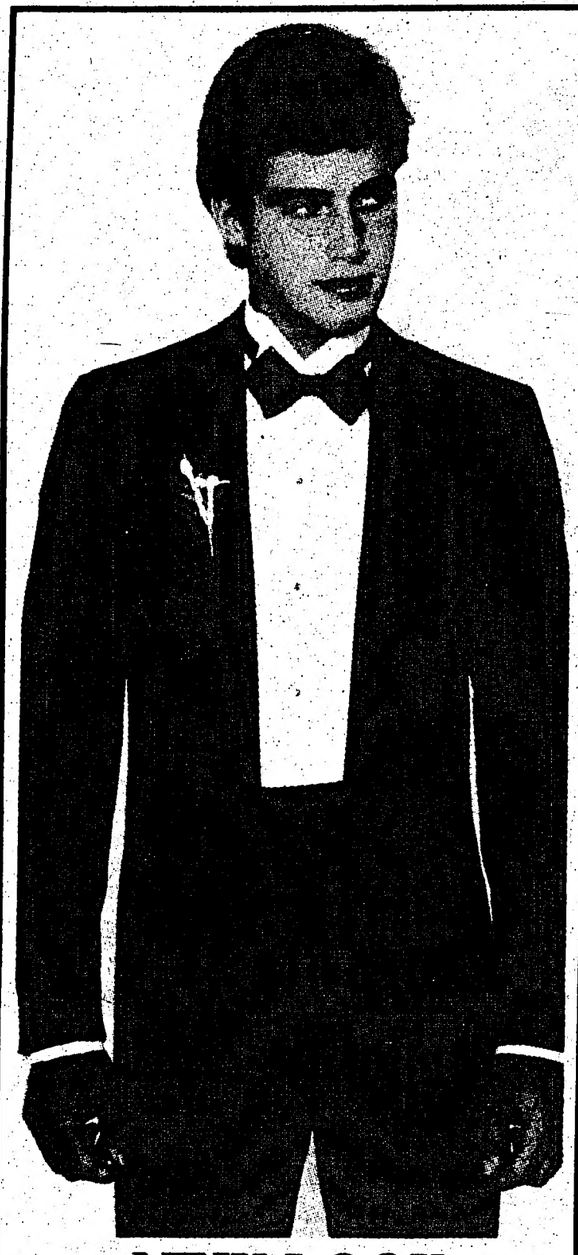

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Tradition returns

Romantic styles mark bridal gowns

The return to the traditional in bridal wear continues this year, according to Lois Morphy of Simpsons Bridal Services (downtown Toronto store).

The 1984 styles for the bride, bridesmaids, flower girls and mother-of-the-bride and trousseau items were seen recently at Simpsons annual bridal show Feb. 14, 15.

Bridal gowns were very formal — but fresh, pretty and romantic.

The favorite neckline shown was a drop shoulder with puff sleeves.

The most contemporary dresses this season look like heirloom. Beading and sequins which have been seen extensively in ready-to-wear can be found in bridal gowns.

Wreaths of real or silk flowers are a favored headpiece to which the veil or train can be attached, and the more formal the wedding, the longer the veil.

"There's no happy medium in bridal veils," says David Rea, head of David E. Rea Dresses Ltd. which makes headpieces as well as wedding gowns.

The long and short of it is that this spring and summer bridal veils are either quite long or quite short, he says.

Rea's company used to make a specific headpiece for each dress. But headpieces are "too personal" for one style to suit everyone, Rea says, so he now makes a broad selection from which a bride can choose.

According to Morphy, white or candlelight are still the most asked for colors in wedding dresses with a few requests for ice pink or palest blue.

Wedding gown from Priscilla of Boston is available in Simpsons Bridal Salon. This pleated fantasy bridal gown of silken taffeta has an open portrait neckline with jewelled and ruffled sleeves. The skirt has a sweeping train. The headpiece, also from Priscilla of Boston, has a floral wreath with iridescent ribbon streamers.

Simpsons Bridal Services is available on the third floor of the downtown store in Toronto, 861-6267. Counselors will arrange every aspect of the special day from limousines to canopies, white carpets, floral arrangements, music and more.

A bridal gift registry can be reached at 861-6265. As well, there's a wedding stationery department and you can call 861-6080 for information.

Simpsons also boasts a good catering department which can be used for weddings (phone 861-6613) along with a flower shop which specializes in wedding flowers (phone 861-6471).

In addition, there's a photographic service by Gilbert at Simpsons on the street floor, downtown (phone 861-6981) and an Elizabeth Arden Salon equipped to do your special hairstyle and makeup on the 6th Floor, downtown. Arden salons are also at Simpsons Yorkdale, Cedarbrae, Fairview, Scarborough Town Centre, Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill and Oakville Place.

Men are not forgotten. The men's wear departments will attire the groom in style for all social occasions and there is expert wardrobe assistance from Classy Formal Wear Sales and Rentals, street floor, downtown (861-4553).

Classic tuxedo groom's best bet

A word of warning to the bride: if the man waiting at the end of the aisle is dressed in a robin's-egg blue tuxedo and matching ruffled shirt, turn around and run.

Anyone so out of date might well be out of touch with reality.

Flashy, trashy tuxes have had their day and classic formal wear is back with a vengeance.

For the tuxedo itself, this means black, white and to a lesser extent, grey and midnight blue. Shirts are white or occasionally a pale color, have pleats — not ruffles — and wing collars.

What updates the classic is the use of vivid color in the bow tie and cummerbund. This could be anything from red to yellow to peach — and white for the groom.

In some wedding parties the ushers' bow ties and cummerbunds match the bridesmaids' dresses, says Len Goldstein, vice-president of Freeman Formal Rentals.

In fact, his company will make the men's accessories to match, he says.

Goldstein says trends in formal wear are the same throughout the country, in rural and urban settings, but this is a recent phenomenon.

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Brides

Fantasy gowns capture spotlight

Alan Cherry has the answer for fairytale princesses

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Fantasy wedding gowns are the big news at Alan Cherry and brides who wish to be fairytale princesses would be wise to choose from the store's new Maria Marzilli or Eva Haynol Forsyth dresses.

The designs of Marzilli, an Italian-born American, and Forsyth, a native of Hungary, are exclusive to the Yonge St. clothing shop and were presented at the Four Seasons Hotel last month at the Alan Cherry bridal and spring fashion show.

Marzilli studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology, worked for a large bridal production house, and then opened her own showroom in New York in July, 1982.

This is her third collection of wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses and formals and includes delicately re-embroidered organzas, velvet flocked nets and moire taffetas.

Forsyth, a graduate of Paris' Beaux Arts Academy, also has a showroom in New York, and has worked with Balenciaga and Givenchy. Her gowns have been sold to Gloria Swanson, Grace Kelly and Gloria Vanderbilt.

Alan Cherry, in the bridal business for six years, has been a regular exhibitor at the National Bridal Show, held for the last three Januarys at the Queen Elizabeth Building. The demand for the gowns shown at the national show was so good that the store decided to stage its own bridal presentation.

"This year we're showing more fantasy gowns," says Alan's wife, Rosalyn, who helps run the clothing shop and designs various dresses, belts, and headpieces for the bridal party. Cherry pointed to a lily of the valley organza Marzilli dress for $2,700 and an Italian-made gown with embroidered tulle, opal sequins and flattering taffeta flowers in the $2,000 range.

The Marzilli look is theatrical and incorporates ruffled ballgown skirts that sweep into graceful chapel trains, palloncino sleeves, and scalloped hemlines edged in pearls.

The Alan Cherry show previewed the best of the shop's collection of about 200 gowns by 20 designers, along with mother - of - the - bride, mother - of - the - groom, and bridesmaids creations.

Spring fashions presented included leisure wear by Mirrors of Krizia, suits from Nipon Collectibles and Don Sayers Collections, and designs from Maggy Reeves and Wayne Clark.

The entire Alan Cherry bridal collection is available in the bridal "loft" on the third floor of the downtown store. The salon has three consultants who, by appointment only, will recommend and show selected dresses to the bride and her family.

"We work by appointment but if you come in and if we're free, we'll take you," says Cherry, who also works as a store bridal consultant with daughter Wendy Cherry Levine.

Bridal gowns range from $450 to $4,500 and are largely taffeta, satin or embroidered organza. Less costly dresses such as a Canadian-made $500 gown by G & L Fashions still has a high fashion look, but has less trim than more costly garments.

Alan Cherry sells 99% white gowns for brides but there's also the odd request for ivory and pink dresses for girls who can't wear white or are high fashion enough not to wear it.

The store also carries a number of shorter silk midi-gowns in blush, trimmed with antique lace. They are part of a collection by Christine of Vancouver and styles range from $800-$1,150.

In addition to the bridal gowns, there are some 50 bridesmaid dresses averaging between $275 and $350 in price. They come in taffeta or satin in 30 colors, and sleeves and hems lengths can be altered for future use.

There are also over 100 gowns for the mother-of-the-bride and the mother - of - the - groom such as a $2,295 printed chiffon gown with beading and an outlying print.

Besides gowns, Alan Cherry stocks headpieces, hats, veils, custom-designed belts, crinolines, panti-hose, shoes, gloves, bras, panties and even parasols.

Styles include a $125 tiara headpiece with pearls and crystals and $185 combs for bridesmaids. "The trend today is either wonderful romantic hats or abstract hats tilted to one side," Cherry says.

Brides should start looking for gowns six months before the wedding, according to Cherry, while bridesmaids should begin looking three months prior to the big day.

From now until June 30, Alan Cherry is offering a 10% discount to bridesmaids as long as they choose a minimum of three dresses of the same style at the store. Mothers - of - the - bride and mothers - of - the - groom will also get a 10% discount on stock gowns rather than special orders.

Marzilli bridal gown from Alan Cherry is made of white silk organdy fabric with pleated bodice and embroidered leaves. The hem is scalloped and edged with pearls and gloves are made to match. The silver headpiece features opal leaves and the veil is trimmed with appliques to match the gown. The gown, which sells for $2,250, comes with a detachable three foot train.

Once you commit, there's lots to do

TORONTO — Toronto bridal experts consulted by The CJN suggest you keep in mind the following steps when preparing for a wedding:

— When you become engaged, both you and the groom should notify your friends of the good news. Don't let them hear it via the grapevine. This is the time to choose your bridal party.

— **Decide on the type of wedding you want. Set the date and time of the service; engage your rabbi and synagogue and both you and your groom should make an appointment with the rabbi.**

— Wedding invitations and other stationery requirements should be ordered at least four months before your wedding.

— Register with a bridal service or a bridal consultant who will make suggestions for the place of reception and arrange for catering and cake, flowers, music, photography, bridal limousines, gift displays and of course your wedding dress, attendant's dresses and mothers' dresses.

— Select your wedding dress and veil. Also select two or three possible attendants' dresses. Later set a date with the attendants to see the selection. Remember the final decision is yours to make.

Discuss finances with bridesmaids and try to set an appropriate cost for their dresses, headpieces, shoes and gloves. Bridesmaids pay for their own ensembles, so be considerate. Junior bridesmaids — wear party type dresses and carry baskets of dainty flowers or small bouquets.

The groom and his attendants wear wedding attire in keeping with the formality of the wedding. Traditionally, all male members of the wedding party and fathers wear formal clothing appropriate to the time of day.

— Register your silver, china, and glassware patterns and acquaint the registry with your furnishings, plans and color schemes. This information will be appreciated by all your friends. Also select bridesmaids' gifts and a gift to the groom.

— Address your wedding invitations and announcements and have them ready to be mailed.

Your guests should receive their invitations four weeks before the wedding.

— If you wish, have an engagement announcement inserted in the press four to six weeks before the wedding.

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Odd couple brings sunny smiles to Canadians

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Possibly you were shivering and cursing our bouts of bitterly cold Toronto weather earlier this month.

Not so Mr. Square and Mr. Flash. To them, a brisk bit of chill is more pleasing than the balmiest holiday on the beach in Sunny Florida.

It means more money in the bank to them.

To be precise, as a result of our blustery winter spells in January and early February, they expect their company this year to gross $20 million from frost-bitten people in Ontario buying land and homes in Florida.

That's a nice 25% increase over its $15 million revenue last year.

Their company, Can-Am Real Estate Ltd., at 1000 Finch W. at Dufferin [telephone 661-1625], is Canada's oldest established firm in the business.

For 20 years, it has represented General Development Corp., Florida's biggest developer of planned communities. A subsidiary of City Investing Co., which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, General has sold, through Can-Am, homes or home sites to more than 10,000 Ontarians.

Can-Am's 65 sales representatives in the Metro area are currently selling properties in eight planned Florida communities.

A quarter-acre lot costs as little as $11,000 and you can put $600 down and pay $80 a month. Homes range from $50,000 to $200,000 with a downpayment as low as 25% and a mortgage financed over a 30-year term.

Sales have been particularly good recently, not only due to Florida's alluring sunshine, but because of its favorable tax climate offered to Canadians.

There are two bonanza attractions: If you live in Florida for six months and then return to Toronto for the other six, you pay no income tax in the U.S.

What's more, Florida has instituted a homestead exemption tax, which means that if you buy a home there and live in it, you pay no tax on the first $25,000 in tax value on your home.

Harvey [Mr. Flash] Findlay, shows off some of his jewelry to Rob [Mr. Square] Kellet. [Graphic Artists photo]

But mainly responsible for Can-Am's current miniboom is the teamwork of the two Torontonians who successfully operate it — perhaps the oddest pair of entrepreneurs since Mutt teamed up with Jeff.

Bob Kellett, president of Can-Am, rejoices in his nickname of Mr. Square.

At 68, he's a bald, thrifty, methodical Liverpudlian, who wears drably conservative charcoal-gray suits on his 5-foot-4, 138-pound frame. He occupies a modest 10-by-12-foot office, decorated with a cheap arborite veneer desk and two paintings of Toronto he got at a bargain price of $60 each. And he is proud of being impeccably "honest and straight and aboveboard in every one of my dealings."

He says his sales manager, whom he nicknames Mr. Flash, is a complete opposite to him

Mr. Flash, who occupies the deluxe executive office next to his mousy hutch, is the flamboyant Harvey Findlay.

At 49, he's a brash, Toronto-born fashion plate, with a hail-fellow-well-met manner and a bon-vivant face, the archetypal supersalesman.

His feet are encased in $600 lizard skin cowboy boots and his 6-foot-1 frame swathed in one of his 25 Harry Rosen $600 suits. He often likes opening the collar of his custom-made, initialled $65 Royal shirt to display a $4,000 18-karat gold chain.

Findlay, a workaholic who loves spending seven days and nights on the job each week, is admittedly a zealous salesman, but clearly a trustworthy one.

Josephine Morgan, a grateful client, who continues to consult him on real estate matters since years after she bought a Florida property from him, told The CJN after our interview with Findlay:

"Is Harvey a persuasive salesman? Oh, I tell you, he's got such a gift of gab,he can make you think the sky is pink instead of blue. But I trust him with my personal problems now, and I'd be ready to trust him with my life."

Seniors hold special interest

Teeth are therapy for music lover

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Brian Niblock feels strongly about the way seniors look. "A smile is the most psychologically pleasing part of a person and for others so why not make most of it," the 29-year-old denture therapist says.

Niblock contends that many nutrition and other physical problems the elderly have are due to poor or less than adequate dentures. "And if the teeth don't fit well and function properly then bodily health could also decline."

Niblock is determined to make sure that is not the case.

He runs an office in Toronto and one in the suburbs and also visits many patients at their homes, a practice he enjoys the most.

"The office has a sterile atmosphere, smells anaesthetic and scares some patients. When I visit a person at his or her home I can select teeth in a more relaxed atmosphere."

Niblock noted that many of the elderly he's treated suffer from different maladies such as asthma and Bells Palsy (Bells Palsy is a disease that effects the 7th cranial nerve which leads to the lower jaw and causes the jaw to tremble).

His initial career choice was music, not denture therapy, but Niblock found the music field too competitive and difficult to make a living in. (Niblock is now married and his wife Karyn was former music director at CHFI-FM.)

From 1979-81 Niblock was employed as a dental lab technician trainee at Nova Dental Lab in Toronto, then worked for a local denture therapist in his second year of studies at George Brown College, the only school in Ontario offering a program (three years) in denture therapy.

Upon completion of the program last February he received a license to practice denture therapy in Ontario.

Although his father was a dental technician Niblock did not join him in this field as he "liked working with patients rather than in a lab."

Besides just fitting dentures, Niblock educates his patients about their new teeth. He gives every individual a small booklet he wrote entitled How to Keep Your Mouth Happy in which he deals with some of the many problems the denture wearer may come up against.

According to Niblock, learning to chew properly with new dentures may take from two to six weeks and he advises patients to begin by chewing soft food cut into small pieces.

"These pieces should be evenly distributed to both sides of the back teeth and this will reduce sore spots and the tendency of the lower denture to tip," he writes.

Niblock also discusses speaking and cleaning with your dentures.

Included in the guide is a diet for the first three days following denture insertion. Niblock claims many seniors don't eat properly and follow good nutrition because they don't have a lot of money to spend or don't know how to spend their money wisely on food.

The situation is especially bad for seniors who are denture wearers because they eat too many soft, carbohydrate-loaded foods, according to Niblock. "They'll opt for mashed potatoes instead of brisket because their lower dentures are so sore that they can't wear them and it hurts when they chew."

This is a vicious circle, the denture therapist added, because by limiting themselves to these kinds of foods only, they get weaker and soon they won't want to go out of their homes and will begin to have a poor self image.

Niblock, who did a third year thesis on nutrition in the oral cavity while at George Brown, claims his suggested diet is important to follow as dentures have a settling in period of 2-14 days and patients will be sore during that time. There's no need to suffer without eating over this period, he said.

The foods in the first and second days following denture insertion were chosen using the Canada Food Guide and are broken down into vegi/fruit groups, bread/cereal groups, milk groups and meat groups.

For the first day he recommends juices, gruels cooked in either milk or water, fluid milk in any form, as well as eggs, pureed meats, meat broths or soups.

A sample menu for the first day consists of orange juice and oatmeal with milk for breakfast, cream of tomato soup for lunch, cream of chicken soup, spiced pureed beef, V8 juice and ice cream and tea for dinner.

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Restoration of faded, 70-year-old photo shows Shlomo Greben and Celia Sugarman in clear detail. [Graphics Gallery photo]

Dealer changes photos from faded to fantastic

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"If you had given me a million dollars, it wouldn't have meant as much to me as this gift."

Toronto art dealer Jerry Greben was remembering last week how moved he was when his 83-year-old father, Abraham Greben, had expressed that sentiment last Father's Day.

He'd given him as a gift a restored version of a faded photo taken 70 years ago in a photographer's studio on Yonge St.

It showed Abraham Greben's father, Shlomo, from Titeran, Russia. It portrayed him bowler-hatted and bearded and gripping the chair with his right hand as he posed uncomfortably in his finery.

Standing beside him in her high-button boots and beribboned Victorian picture hat was Abraham Greben's sister, Celia Sugarman, looking indeed as pretty as a picture.

"My dad wept when he saw it," said Jerry Greben. "His father had died when he was 16. And all these years he'd always wanted a picture of Shlomo to remember him by.

"As for me, I was amazed once again when I examined the restoration of what had been a battered, dingy snapshot. I'd had it cleaned up and it was brighter and more detailed than the original."

It's little wonder that his father Abraham, who'll be 84 soon and is still active at his accountant's office on Spadina at Dundas at 6.30 a.m. daily, regards the vivid photo restoration as a near miracle.

And its little wonder that his 47-year-old son, Jerry, who operates the Graphis Gallery out of his home at 78 Hilton Ave. (telephone 537-9777), has since done a good business restoring and framing old nostalgia photographs as sentimental family heirlooms.

He expects this nostalgia trade to be even more brisk this year, now that Toronto is celebrating its 150th birthday and Ontario its 200th anniversary.

"More people are exploring their family roots," says Jerry Greben. "And what better way to preserve the past than to restore graphically those memories on film hiding away in an attic, a drawer, or a family album."

Usually, he says, the original negative is unobtainable. So, working in conjunction with Toronto photographer Henry Yee, noted for his restoration of black-and-white prints, a new negative is made and from that a new print.

"With special touch-up techniques, we will repair rips, cracks, discoloring, and even paint in missing detail," says Jerry Greben. "Restoration is always done on your new print — never on your original.

"The prints can be any size you want — either in crisp black-and-white or in sepia for a more antique look, and any number can be ordered at every size required."

On average, the cost of restoring a photo in black and white is $35 and in sepia $45, though, depending on the time involved, it may go as high as $70.

The custom framing ranges in price from $35 to $55. For black-and-white photos, Jerry Greben recommends a bright aluminum frame; for sepia, hand-rubbed walnut.

The bearded, Toronto-born art dealer, a bohemian who used to work as an actor in New York and London, says he loves old things, whether in antique furniture or art.

He is currently organizing an art exhibit, from March 18 to 31 at Creeds on Bloor St., of 30 paintings valued at $2,000 to $10,000 by the Russian-born artist, Romain de Tiroff. Better known as Erte, he is the specialist in art deco graphics, whose stylized covers for Harper's Bazaar set a fashion trend in the 1920s.

"Erte is now 91 and still painting and lionized in New York as a glorious old survivor," he says. "In 1977, I was selling his prints for $200. Today, they fetch $4,300. He demonstrates that the past is well worth preserving."

Blue book guides students

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

What is OSIS and what is it doing to our kids?

OSIS is government alphabet soup for Ontario Schools: Intermediate and Senior Divisions, a 47-page blue book setting out the new program and diploma requirements for students entering grade 9 from the fall of 1984 on.

Until this year, the Community Hebrew Academy was the only Jewish day high school in Toronto which did not offer a grade 9. But following a 3-year study by the Board of Jewish Education, which focussed on the effects of OSIS, CHAT was given the go ahead to offer grade 9 beginning this September.

Since CHAT's main feeder schools, Bialik, United Synagogue Day Schools and the Associated Hebrew Schools (with a current grade 8 enrollment of 180), will continue to offer grade 9, the BJE decision has dropped the question of where to take grade 9 into the laps of a lot of families.

How do we find out about OSIS?

The Ministry of Education has prepared a pamphlet entitled After 8? — A Guide for Grade 8 Students and Their Parents. Ask for it at your school office.

Will Grade 13 disappear?

Most educators say no — at least not in an academic sense. The new Ontario Academic Credits (OACs), six of which will be required for university entrance, are equivalent to present grade 13 courses. But they can be counted toward the 30 credits now needed for graduation — so the trend to finishing high school in four years may be accelerated.

How are course requirements going to change?

The Ministry of Education has not yet published course guidelines for the new OSIS program. But draft guidelines for math now under discussion set out a grade 9, a grade 10 and two grade 11 math courses. The grade 11 courses can be taken sequentially or simultaneously, and lead into the OAC's required for advanced university math.

Translation: a student can take all the requirements for admission to a university mathematics major in four or five years.

A similar pattern is expected to emerge in all subjects.

How are schools preparing their students to cover all the new requirements?

There are now 16 compulsory courses. The consensus among education officials is that students should take as many of these compulsory courses as possible in grades 9 and 10.

—At both the day high schools and the junior highs, principals are developing grade 9 courses of study that cover the requirements; even the "options" can, with the exception of Latin, be counted as OSIS compulsory credits.

At CHAT, general studies principal Gary Diamond has developed math and French curricula that telescope the present 5-year sequence into four years, and the science curriculum is presently undergoing a similar redrafting.

At Associated, Bialik and USDS students can take both grade 9 and grade 10 math and French during grade 9.—

What are the advantages of staying in the junior high?

Says Rabbi Akiva Egozi, Associated educational director, "Grade 9 is a high point — the journal, the grade 9 trip to Ottawa, all the activities they have looked forward to. And there is graduation. A child wants to have a diploma from the school he has attended for so many years."

He and David Gamliel of Bialik and Aaron Nussbaum of USDS all agree that children mature tremendously between grade 8 and grade 9. Children who might transfer into the public schools at the end of grade 8 might, the principals say, decide to remain in the Jewish system if they have the extra year's experience.

What are the advantages of going on to secondary school in grade 9?

Says Diamond, "The ambience is different. Many children function better in a high school setting — the atmosphere of the older students comes through."

Moreover, he adds, since under OSIS grades 9 through 12/OAC are seen as a unit, "It does make sense to offer the entire program under one roof."

How will the child who stays in junior high fit into grade 10 in a day high school?

Egozi summed up the comments of all the principals when he said "There always has been, and there continues to be close cooperation between the day schools and the day high schools."

Rabbi Marvin Pacino, headmaster of CHAT, confirms that he has been in close consultation with the junior high principals. While he and Diamond would prefer to take a student through the entire sequence in CHAT, Diamond points out that they now accept students from all kinds of educational backgrounds, "and we make sure that they all fit in."

Some words of 'wisdom' from the past.

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Travel

An ardent champion of Israel

Superlatives of Costa Rica don't capture its beauty

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Roni Wexler remembers being instantly entranced two years ago when he heard a Toronto radio commentator talk about his idyllic holiday in Costa Rica.

Wexler was intrigued because he's the Tel Aviv-born travel agent who owns Heritage Holidays at 3768 Bathurst St. at Wilson (630-3932).

To be sure, Wexler was a bit sceptical because the commentator was so extreme in his praise of this Central American republic of 2.3 million Spanish-speaking people, just north of Panama and squeezed between the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

He depicted it as the most stable democracy in Latin America, with no army and no impending revolutions — a paradise with gorgeous scenery, undiscovered beaches, a mean temperature of 75F (34C), deluxe hotels, and magnificent fishing for 6-foot tarpon and 80-pound snook.

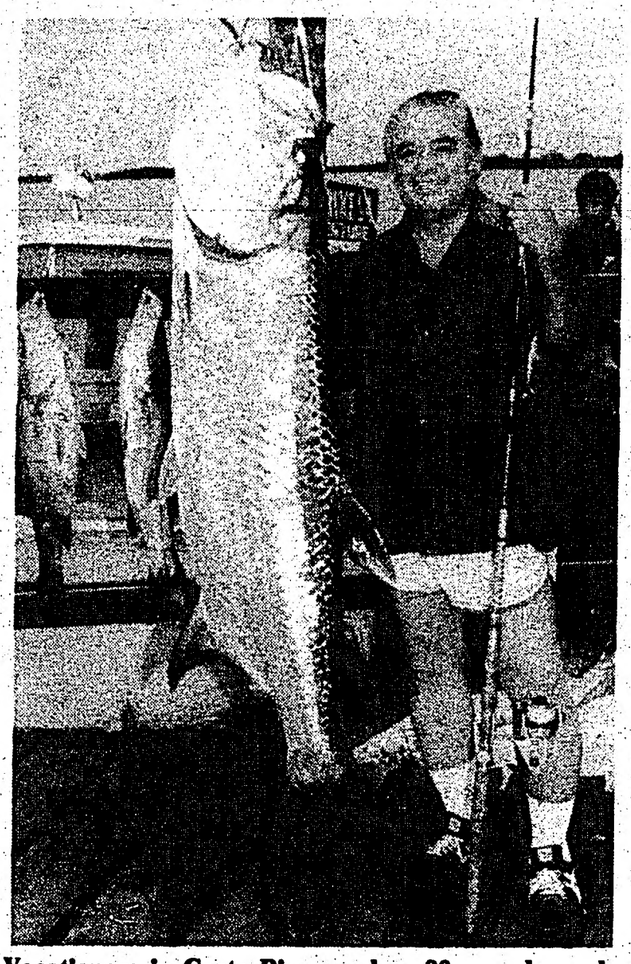
"I paid a visit myself and found he was, if anything, understated in his raves about the country's wonders," says Wexler. "It has the beauty of Israel plus exotic jungles and magnificent volcanoes such as Irazu and Arenal."

In fact, he was delighted to find it has been Latin America's most ardent champion of Israel in the UN.

He met many of the 3,000 members of the Jewish community in the capital city of San Jose. And he was pleased to be presented at a party to the country's democratically-elected President Louis Alberto De Monge — and his wife, Doris Yankelewitz De Monge, who happens to have been born in Brooklyn and is Jewish.

In turn, Wexler has since been presented with their special Award of Merit, as the Canadian who has done most to boost tourism to Costa Rica. He has become its exclusive travel representative for eastern Canada.

Wexler now does a thriving business packaging 1-week tours at $699 to $999 to Costa Rica.



Vacationers in Costa Rica can bag 80-pound snook like this whopper caught by Toronto traveller.

His current tours cost $869 Canadian. They include your return flight to San Jose from Toronto [with a 2-hour stop in Miami] and accommodations at the Irazu Hotel and Casino in the capital city.

At no extra charge, you can spend part of your holiday at its sister Jaco Beach Resort Hotel, a 20-minute flight aboard the company's 10-passenger plane or a 2-hour drive through the jungle alive with howler monkeys and brightly plumaged birds.

Your meals are not included in the package, but Wexler says not to worry.

"For $1, you can get an Israeli-style breakfast," he says. "And that includes a huge bowl of fresh fruit that's more than you can ever eat. A big gourmet dinner with wine will set you back no more than $6. Labor is cheap there, and so a professional massage at the neighboring country club costs only $3."

If you get jaded by the golfing, tennis-playing and horseback-riding, Wexler can easily arrange for you to take advantage of the Rio Colorado Fishing Lodge, a 1-hour flight from the hotel. It's managed by Archie Fields, an American, who for a fee of $50 to $100 a day will provide the boat, tackle and other accessories enabling you to bag monster fish of more than 100 pounds.

Wexler estimates that more than 20% of his Costa Rica tourism trade is Jewish. An increasing number of them are Torontonians basking in the sun in Miami who split their Florida holiday with a jaunt to Costa Rica.

"Just recently, the manager of the Monte Carlo Hotel in Miami asked me to book him for his private vacation in Costa Rica," he says. "That just goes to show you how contagious the lure of Costa Rica can be."

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Oslo's ship museums are porthole to past

Spirit of Vikings is still evident in Norwegian capital

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

OSLO, Norway —

You'll find more ship museums in Norway's capital city than probably anywhere else in the world. Here you can see not only ships of discovery and adventure such as the polar exploration ship Fram used by Nansen in his voyages to the North and South Pole early in this century, but also ships dug up from the sea which were used by the Vikings of a thousand years ago.

You'll marvel, as this travel reporter did, at the seamanship of the Vikings when you see the beautiful open boats in which they sailed even to the shore of Labrador and Newfoundland 500 years before Columbus found the Americas.

The ships, three of them in the Viking Ship Museum on the Oslo waterfront, were found in the deep waters near the city early this century. They were in good condition, with ornate carvings and oars, and have been completely cleaned and restored.

Nearby is a museum with the polar ship Fram, and another museum where the Kon-Tiki is housed, the balsam raft with sail, used by Thor Heyerdahl in 1947 to explore how the Polynesian islands in the South Pacific were likely populated by South American Indians sailing across the Pacific from Peru centuries ago.

Then there is a National Maritime Museum with a collection of many boats and Roald Amundsen's ship Gjoa in which he crossed the Northwest Passage in northern Canada from 1903 to 1906.

No one goes to Oslo without visiting the Vigeland Museum near Frogner Park. Here are the artistic works of sculptor Gustav Vigeland, who spent about 40 years on the dozens of sculptural humans shown here. They include 121 figures on a 56 foot (17 metre) high monolith.

Oslo also has a museum to the paintings of Edvard Munch who left all his artistic works to the city of Oslo in 1940.

In addition there is a National Museum of Applied Arts showing art work of all kind over 700 years of Norwegian history, a National Art Gallery in the Oslo University area, and an outdoor Norwegian Folk Museum with restored buildings from all over Norway including some from the 13th century.

But Oslo is not all museums. You can see the daily changing of the guard in their colorful uniforms from 1.30 to 2 p.m. in front of the Royal Palace. There is a must visit to the City Hall built in the 1930s and decorated with rich paintings, murals and tapestries. The City Hall also has an astronomical clock and a glockenspiel musical hourly mechanical performance.

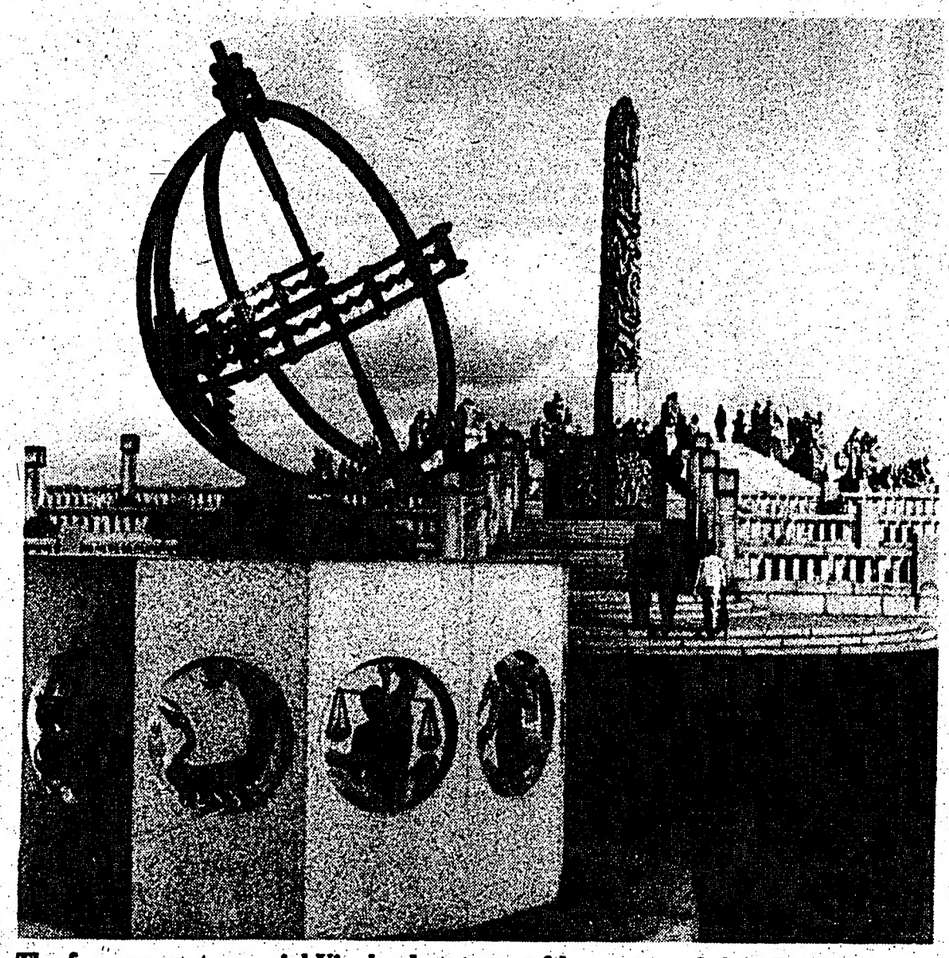
Norway being the home of skiing, has some of the best skiing areas not far from Oslo. At Holmenkollen are world championship ski jumps. The ski lifts are also in operation in summer for sightseeing over the vast countryside.

And the world's oldest ski museum is located here, with such items as the skis used by polar explorers Nansen and Amundsen, and some skis and bindings believed to date back 2,500 years.

Near Oslo in Tryvasstarnet in the hills surrounding part of the city. A lookout tower was built here in 1962 at 2,121 feet (646.5 metres) above sealevel. From here you can see for miles over Oslo and its surrounding harbor area.

In summer there are concerts in many of the parks .

[Oslo has a synagogue and community centre and a Jewish war memorial in Ostre Gavlund Cemetery. Norway has only a small Jewish population, many of whom came after World War II at the government's invitation.]



The famous controversial Vigeland statuary of humans at Oslo's Frogner Park.

Canadian tourism to Israel is up

TORONTO —

Last year was an excellent year for Canadian tourism to Israel as 33,000 Candians visited that country according to Jonathan Harpaz, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office for Canada.

The 1983 total represents an impressive 24% increase over 1982. The record tourism figures came in the wake of a major new advertising campaign mounted in 1983 by the Ministry of Tourism in Canada. The campaign slogan "Come to Israel. Come stay with friends" was heard on the radio in the Ontario area, and read in national magazines and newspapers across Canada.

In November 1983, 400 members of the prestigious Society of American Travel Writers, including a significant Canadian contingent, held their convention in Israel — and it is expected that their writings and broadcasts will further encourage North Americans to visit Israel in 1984 and beyond.

More and more Canadians are visiting Israel to take advantage of the country's myriad attractions: historic and religious sites, vibrant cities and scenery, gourmet cuisine and fine hotels — thus broadening the market beyond Israel's traditional "Holy Land" pilgrims, says Harpaz.

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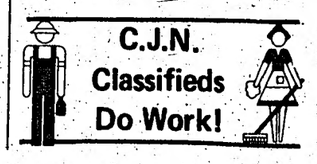

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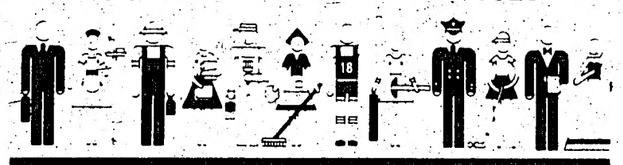

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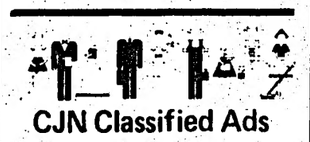

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Maccabi, JCC initiate joint program

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

Maccabi Ontario and the Jewish Community Centre tied the knot last week at a JCC ceremony marking the beginning of a new era of closer co-operation between the community facility and the Jewish sports organization.

Maccabi Ontario chairman Sid Greenberg, Maccabi honorary president Alex Fisher, JCC president Martin Mendelow, JCC vice-president Bernard Kamin and acting JCC executive director Paul Brownstein were among the officials on hand for the event which saw the Centre representatives presented with Maccabi-JCC sweatsuits signifying the new relationship between the two organizations.

Under the new agreement, Maccabi and the JCC will operate a number of joint programs using Centre facilities in a broad variety of athletic disciplines aimed at developing and promoting Jewish athletes in Ontario. Maccabi will provide sponsorship for the related events and athlete development programs, as well as expert instructors and coaches.

"We are extremely excited about the new arrangements," Greenberg said. "And we hope to encourage other JCCs to become involved in the Maccabi-JCC program.

"What we are trying to say to the community is that the JCC and Maccabi have joined together to jointly promote sports through the program by using the JCC as a development base for producing Jewish athletes. We want to convey to the community that many future Maccabi athletes will come through the JCC.

"In this way, we feel we can build stronger programs and gain more access to athletically inclined kids," he said.

Greenberg added that most of the youngsters who will be chosen for the Maccabi team competing at the second annual Youth Games scheduled for Detroit in August will represent the cream of the Maccabi-JCC program crop.

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Defending champion Montreal La Plasse last week skated to its second consecutive title with a 5-3 win over Toronto at the B'nai B'rith national hockey tournament held in Calgary.

After winning the BB national championship last year with an overtime victory against the same Toronto club, Montreal had to fight back from a 2-0 first period deficit in Calgary to retain the title in a game that was up for grabs until an empty net goal with a little over a minute left on the game clock decided the contest.

Ten teams representing Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton took part in the 5-day tournament with two teams each from Toronto and Montreal advancing to the sudden-death semi-finals after completing a 3-game preliminary round.

La Plasse (undefeated through the preliminaries) downed the Toronto C team 6-4 in the semis to advance, while Toronto A (also undefeated in opening matches) dumped Montreal B 5-2 to set-up the final confrontation.

Next year's tourney will take place in Montreal with dates as yet to be determined.

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Toronto Freedom Blue Notes struck a few high notes last week as they swept to consecutive victories in local B'nai B'rith hockey league BI Division action.

After suffering an 8-3 blow-out loss to Toronto Freedom Realtors two weeks ago, Blue Notes regained their defensive touch to score a 1-0 victory over Canyon Kings and a 5-1 win against Don Mills Wasters.

Larry Wolfman supplied the lone goal to support the shutout netminding of Ruvan Waltman as Blue Notes snuck past Kings. Against Wasters, Mike Schaffel with two goals and an assist and Irv Freedman with a pair of markers paced the TFLers.

Elsewhere in BI Division play, Steve Majer scored two goals, including the winner, and added a pair of assists to offset a two-goal performance by Lloyd Perlmutter as Wasters downed Toronto Freedom Realtors 5-3; and Realtors bounced back as Sam Weinberg scored the winner and added an assist to lift the TFLers to a 3-1 win over Don Mills Axemen.

In BII Division matches, David Buckspan netted the hat trick to spark the much-improved Leonard Mayzel Red Hawks to a 5-2 decision over Forrestdale Sting; Neil Goldberg, Jeff Zoltak and Joe Donaghy each contributed two goals and two assists to lift Forrestdale Flyers past Upper Canada Bruins 7-3; and Howie Kotzer scored twice and Al Garber was flawless between the pipes as Canyon Crush subdued Manor Metropolitan Wolverines 4-0.

In a busy C Division, Paul Borins scored the winner as Toronto Freedom Plumbers edged Maccabiah Bruins 2-1; Steve Levant sparkled in the nets as Toronto Freedom Ultis blanked Mixed Marauders 3-0; Jeff Cohen potted the eventual winner as Forrestdale Blades dumped Marauders 3-1.

Chuck Eisen and Brian Weinman each scored twice and Luke Sklar recorded the shutout as Blades whitewashed Toronto Freedom Refiners 5-0; David Kershner scored twice and added an assist to pace Toronto Freedom Minors to a 3-1 victory over Maccabiah Weiss Guys; and Kershner repeated his two goal, one assist output to back Larry Farkas' goaling as Minors stopped Don Mills Princes 3-0.

A Division remained idle last week.

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Jeremy Fraiberg, 13, of Montreal recently won the boys 14-and-under Canadian junior squash championships held in Toronto.

Fraiberg defeated Eric Eiterljorg of Philadelphia in straight games, 15-12, 15-5, 15-5, to lay claim to the title.

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Swimmer Nina Goldman of Montreal was last week named Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union female athlete of the week for the period ending Feb. 19.

Goldman, a 22-year-old McGill University student, won CIAU recognition by stroking to gold medals in the 100-metre butterfly, 100-metre breaststroke and 400-metre individual medley at the recent Quebec Universities Athletic Association championships.

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Plans are under way for a Maccabi Ontario track and field meet which officials are calling "almost compulsory" for athletes hoping to land spots on the Canadian team at the 1985 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Details concerning the meet, one of several upcoming competitions in a variety of sports designed to identify potential athletes for the Maccabiahs, will be forthcoming sometime later this month. The event has been tentatively scheduled for May 13.

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In the current issue of The Hockey News, columnist Stan Fischler reports that rookie New York defenceman Steve Richmond is the first Jewish backliner to play for the Rangers since Hy Buller.

Buller, a second team all-star in 1952, retired at the end of the 50s.

Richmond joins Mike Veisor as the only two active Jewish players in the NHL.

In his first 15 games with the Rangers, Richmond has tallied four points on a goal and three assists.

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Israeli tennis star Shlomo Glickstein, 26, recently wed Lina Levy, also 26, of Jerusalem at a ceremony in Herzliya attended by hundreds of players and officials.

Since joining the professional tour in May of 1979, Glickstein has been Israel's most successful court export having reached as high as 22nd in the world rankings.

[From left] Maccabi Ontario chairman Sid Greenberg, JCC vice-president Bernard Kamin, JCC president Martin Mendelow, acting JCC executive director Paul Brownstein and Maccabi honorary president Alex Fisher take part in a recent JCC ceremony that launched the new joint Maccabi-JCC athlete development program. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Mon.-Fri. - 9am - 9pm
Sat. 8am - 9pm

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Canada Utility Grade, Frozen, Under 6 kg - 13-lbs.
young turkeys
2.18/kg
.99 lb.

Regular
ground beef
2.62/kg
1.19 lb.

MAPLE LEAF, Sweet Pickled Brisket
corned beef
4.17/kg
1.89 lb.

regular features

BONUS, Sliced
white bread
675 g LOAF
49¢

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PKG.
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french fries
1 kg POLY BAG
39¢

Bonus Pack of 250 g More Extra Smooth or Extra Crunch YORK
SAVE 1.20
peanut butter
1 kg JAR
2.49

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Turkey Breast 1.10/100g, 4.99 lb.

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Creamy Cole Slaw .33/100 g, 1.49 lb.

Frozen, SILVERBRIGHT
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